

## NETHERLANDS MOURNING PRINCE FRISO

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands  
(AP) — Johan Friso, the bespectacled Dutch prince who avoided the limelight and gave up his position in line to the throne after getting entangled in a scandal with his bride-to-be, died Monday — 18 months after a skiing accident that left his brain gravely injured. He was 44.



Dutch Prince Johan Friso and his wife Mabel at the Grand Hotel in Oslo. The Dutch royal house says that Prince Johan Friso died Monday at the Palace Huis ten Bosch, where he was being cared for.

(AP Photo/John McConnico)

The royal house said the prince, known as Friso, died of complications from the accident, without giving more details. It said he had never regained more than "minimal consciousness."

Friso was struck by an avalanche while skiing off-trail in Lech, Austria, Feb. 17, 2012, and was buried until rescuers pulled him from the snow, unconscious, 20 minutes later. He was resuscitated at the scene and flown to a hospital, but remained in a coma for months.

His death Monday, though not unexpected, "still comes as a shock," said Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

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## Boston Gangster Bulger Convicted



*Bulger guilty in gangland crimes, including murder*

Defense attorney J.W. Carney, left, speaks beside co-counsel Hank Brennan outside federal court Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, where a jury found their client, James "Whitey" Bulger, guilty on several counts of murder, racketeering and conspiracy Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 in Boston.

(AP Photo/Josh Reynolds)

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**BOSTON** - James "Whitey" Bulger, the mobster who terrorized South Boston in the 1970s and '80s while he led the notorious Winter Hill Gang, was found guilty Monday of a sweeping array of gangland crimes, including 11 murders. Bulger, 83, faces life in prison.

But the jury found the government had not proved its case against him in seven murders, and in one case it made no finding, leading to gasps inside the courtroom by relatives of those murder victims and explosive scenes outside the court.

"My father just got murdered again 40 years later in that courtroom," said the son of William O'Brien, whose name is also William. When Bulger was led from the courtroom, he gave a thumbs-up sign to a few of his family members who were seated behind him, prompting a woman sitting with relatives of victims to yell out, "Rat a tat Whitey." As a clerk read the verdicts in the lengthy and complicated list of charges, Bulger looked away from the jury and showed no reaction. His sentencing is set for Nov. 13.

The verdict delivered long-delayed justice to Bulger

who disappeared in 1995 after a corrupt agent with the FBI told him he was about to be indicted. When he fled, he left behind a city that wondered if he would ever be caught - and even if the FBI, which had been complicit in many of his crimes, was really looking for him.

Bulger's lawyer, J.W. Carney Jr., said they would appeal the verdict because he had not been allowed to argue that he was given immunity for his crimes; his lawyer maintained that in essence, Bulger had a license to kill. Prosecutors scoffed at this notion of a defense; the judge refused

to allow him to raise it. Perhaps the one glimmer of gratification for Bulger was that the jury reached "no finding" on the death of Debra Davis, one of two women he was accused of strangling to death. He has long maintained that his personal code of honor did not allow for the killing of women, although the jury did determine that he had killed the other woman, Deborah Hussey.

Bulger was found guilty on all but one of the 32 counts in his racketeering indictment.

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# Dutch Prince Friso passes away after 2012 avalanche

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"Prince Friso was only 44 years old, and until the ski accident, in the prime of his life."

In addition to the royal family, Friso is survived by his wife, Princess Mabel, and two daughters, Luana and Zaria.

Before the dramatic incidents in Lech, Friso, the second of the former Queen Beatrix's three sons, had sometimes been known as "Prince Brilliant." He studied at UC Berkeley, the Technical University of Delft and Erasmus University at Rotterdam, graduating from the Dutch universities cum laude with degrees in engineering and economics. He later earned an MBA at France's prestigious INSEAD school of business.

But the central event of his life as a royal came when he gave up his claim to the throne in order to marry Dutchwoman Mabel Wisse Smit, in a wedding not sanctioned by the government.

The pair got engaged in 2003. Wisse Smit worked for George Soros' Open Society Institute and was seen by the queen as an ideal daughter-in-law. But during her vetting to join the royal house, she and Friso decided not to disclose the full extent of a friendship she had had while she was a college student.

The friend in question: drug baron Klaas Bruinsma, who later became one of the country's most infamous crime lords and was slain in a gangland killing.

Wisse Smit denies ever hav-

ing had any romantic involvement with Bruinsma, and says she hadn't understood who he was at the time.

But as details about their relationship emerged in the Dutch press, then-

plete" in what they told Balkenende.

Other spouses of Dutch royalty have endured controversy. Beatrix's own marriage was initially unpopular because of her husband's German nationality. King

and line of succession. They were still considered members of the royal family, and bore the honorific titles of Prince and Princess of Oranje-Nassau.

After the affair — dubbed "Mablegate" in the Dutch

a televised statement.

After his studies, Friso worked in consulting and later became a vice president at Goldman Sachs in London. At the time of the accident he was working as CFO of uranium enrichment company Urenco.

Although Friso did not have an image as a risk-taker, the skiing accident — off piste despite avalanche warnings — did not stand totally alone. He was also once stopped while driving 200 kilometers per hour (120 mph).

One of Friso's most sympathetic moments in the public eye came shortly after the death of his father, Prince Claus: it fell to Friso to escort his mother at the funeral ceremony. He supported her in a long, state-ly walk to her seat as she leaned heavily on his arm, deep in grief.

In a lighter vein, the prince was considered very handsome as a young man, but he was not known to have had any girlfriends. The Dutch gay community became convinced he was homosexual. Friso turned a blind eye in amusement as Friso-themed parties became a nightlife fixture.

But after mainstream publications began speculating as to whether he might come out of the closet, he had the Royal Information Service put out a one-line statement in 2001: "Johan Friso is not homosexual, but heterosexual."

The move was mocked by some and others remained unconvinced. Friso's relationship with Wisse Smit was announced the following year. □



**Netherlands' Prince Friso, left, and his wife Princess Mabel, right, pose with their daughters Luana and Zaria for photographers during a photo session in the Austrian skiing resort of Lech. The Dutch royal house says in a statement on Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 that Prince Johan Friso died Monday at the Palace Huis ten Bosch, in The Hague, Netherlands, where he was being cared for.**

(AP Photo/Kerstin Joensson)

Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said it was clear the pair had held back information, and he wouldn't propose the law needed for Parliament to approve Wisse Smit's entry to the royal house.

The couple acknowledged being "naive and incom-

plete" in what they told Balkenende. Other spouses of Dutch royalty have endured controversy. Beatrix's own marriage was initially unpopular because of her husband's German nationality. King

Willem-Alexander's Argentine wife, Queen Maxima, has been criticized over her father's ties to the former totalitarian regime. Friso and Mabel decided to marry without seeking parliamentary approval. The decision meant Friso would be cut from the royal house

press, because the "cover-up" did most of the damage — Friso seemed relieved at the certainty he would never be called upon to assume the throne. "I am planning to remain available for my mother or brother if it's needed, for supporting roles," he said in

## Syrian rebel chief visits Bashar Assad's province

**BEN HUBBARD**

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**BEIRUT** - The commander of the Free Syrian Army, whose forces claim to be leading the insurgency but have been overshadowed by the gains of their tactical jihadist allies, has visited the coastal province that is home to President Bashar Assad, according to

a video circulated by activists on Monday. Antigovernment fighters who are not part of the Free Syrian Army, many from extremist brigades linked to al-Qaida, have recently seized villages in the mountains on the eastern side of Assad's home province, Latakia.

The visit by the commander, Gen. Salim Idris, ap-

peared intended to show that he and his fighters were also involved in the Latakia seizures as part of a new front in the civil war. In the video, Idris said that he was visiting the area to see the "accomplishments" of rebels and to rebut accusations that he had ordered fighters to leave.

"There were no orders to

anyone to withdraw from the battlefield," Idris said.

The video did not indicate his precise whereabouts in the province, specify when he was there or provide any other information about the visit.

Idris' group was intended to be the moderate pathway for military aid to the Syrian opposition, but he

has been increasingly marginalized as aid has stayed limited and more radical fighters have grown stronger on the battlefield. Jihadist groups fighting in Syria include more than 6,000 foreigners, who have been pouring into the country at an accelerated pace, counterterrorism officials say. □



## A 'Hyperloop' may link LA to SF in half hour

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Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk unveiled a transportation concept Monday that he said could whisk passengers the nearly 400 miles (644 kilometers) from Los Angeles to San Francisco in 30 minutes — half the time it takes an airplane.

If it's ever built.

His "Hyperloop" system for travel between major cities would use a large tube. Inside, capsules would float on air, traveling at over 700 mph (1,126 kph). The air would be sucked by a powerful fan at the front and expelled at the rear.

"Short of figuring out real teleportation, which would of course be awesome (someone please do this), the only option for super fast travel is to build a tube over or under the ground that contains a special environment," Musk wrote in his proposal, posted online. The system Musk envisions is not unlike the pneumatic tubes that transport capsules stuffed with paperwork in older buildings. In this case, the cargo would be several people, reclining for the ride.

Coming from almost anyone else, the hyperbole would be hard to take seriously.

But Musk has a track record of success. He co-founded online payment service PayPal, electric luxury carmaker Tesla Motors Inc. and rocket-building company SpaceX.

Monday's unveiling lived up to the hype part of its name.

Leading up to the unveiling, done on the SpaceX website, online speculation was feverish. Musk has been dropping hints about his system for more than a year during public events, mentioning that it could never crash and would be immune to weather.

During a Tesla earnings call on Thursday, Musk said he is too focused on other projects to consider actually building the Hyperloop. □

## Bulger guilty in gangland crimes, including murder

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The one count on which he was found not guilty involved extortion. One of the counts alleged that he had committed 33 separate criminal acts, 19 of which were murders.

"The verdict reflects a jury methodically navigating through the charges," said Martin Weinberg, a prominent criminal defense lawyer in Boston. He said the jurors "rejected those that were based on uncorroborated accomplice testimony," mostly from decades ago. But the jury also rejected the defense's argument that "because the FBI was corrupt, Bulger deserved to be exonerated," Weinberg said. Bulger was on the run for 16 years, until authorities found him in 2011 in Santa Monica, Calif., with an arsenal of weapons and \$822,000 in cash secreted in the walls of his apartment.

In his last few appearances in court, after deciding that he would not take the stand in his own defense, Bulger seemed defeated. He slumped more in his chair. He did not take notes as vigorously.

The guilty verdicts bring down the curtain on the city's most notorious gangster and a reign of terror enabled by the FBI.

"This was the worst case of corruption in the history

of the FBI," said Michael D. Kendall, a former federal prosecutor who investigated some aspects of Bulger's activities. "It was a multigenerational, systematic alliance with organized crime, where the FBI

posed the symbiotic relationship between Bulger's Winter Hill gang and the FBI, this trial focused more on Bulger's criminal actions while under the bureau's protection. Over the course of the trial, Fred Wyshak,

The prosecution alleged that some victims were killed because the FBI had told Bulger that they were informants who were going to testify against him. Others were rival hoodlums or innocent bystanders.



In this courtroom sketch, James "Whitey" Bulger, second from right, stands with defense attorneys Hank Brennan, third from right, and J.W. Carney, right, as the jury submits its verdicts before Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 in federal court in Boston. Bulger was found guilty on several counts of murder, racketeering and conspiracy.

(AP Photo/Jane Flavell Collins)

was actively participating in the murders of government witnesses, or at least allowing them to occur."

Though previous courtroom proceedings - notably those presided over by Judge Mark L. Wolf in U.S. District Court in 1998 - ex-

posed the assistant U.S. attorney, led the jurors through the 19 murders in which Bulger was accused of participating. The jury found the government had not proved its case in seven of the killings and had no finding in the other case.

Bulger's defense team based its closing arguments almost entirely on anger toward the government, even tossing in a reference to the Internal Revenue Service, though it had nothing to do with the case. □

## US wants major changes to criminal justice system

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. faces massive overcrowding in its prisons, and the Obama administration is calling for major changes to the nation's criminal justice system that would cut back the use of harsh sentences for certain drug-related crimes.

In a speech Monday to the American Bar Association, a lawyers' professional group, Attorney General Eric Holder said he favors sending people convicted of low-level offenses to drug treatment and community service programs instead.

"We need to ensure that in-

carceration is used to punish, deter and rehabilitate — not merely to convict, warehouse and forget," Holder said.

Critics of the justice system have long said drug sentencing laws have taken a toll on the country's black population.

The latest statistics from the Federal Bureau of Prisons say 47 percent of inmates are there for drug offenses. By race, 37 percent of all inmates are black, and by ethnicity, 34 percent are Hispanic.

The Census Bureau says 13 percent of Americans are black and 16 percent are

Hispanic.

In one important change, low-level, non-violent drug offenders with no ties to large-scale organizations, gangs or cartels won't be charged with offenses that impose mandatory minimum prison sentences. Such sentences, a product of the government's war on drugs in the 1980s, limit the discretion of judges to impose shorter prison sentences.

Holder's comments drew bipartisan support in Congress.

Sen. Rand Paul, a Republican and possible presidential candidate in 2016, said

he is encouraged by the Obama administration's view that mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent offenders promote injustice and do not serve public safety. Paul and Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Patrick Leahy, a Democrat, introduced legislation in March to grant federal judges greater flexibility in sentencing all crimes where a mandatory minimum punishment is considered unnecessary. Leahy commended Holder for his efforts on the issue and said his committee will hold a hearing on the bill next month. □





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## N.Y. stop-and-frisk practice violated rights, judge rules

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**NEW YORK** - In a repudiation of a major element in the Bloomberg administration's crime-fighting legacy, a federal judge has found that the stop-and-frisk tactics of the New York Police Department violated the constitutional rights of minorities in New York, and called for a federal monitor to oversee broad reforms.

In a blistering decision issued Monday, the judge, Shira A. Scheindlin, found that the Police Department had "adopted a policy of indirect racial profiling" that targeted young minority men for stops.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg said the city would appeal the ruling, angrily accusing the judge of deliberately not giving the city "a fair trial."

The mayor cited the benefits of stop-and-frisk, crediting the tactic for making the city safer and for ridding the streets of thousands of illegal guns.

But in her ruling, Scheindlin found that in doing so, the police systematically stopped innocent people in the street without any



**Police officers on patrol in the Brownsville neighborhood in New York, Aug. 12, 2013. A federal judge issued on Monday that the stop-and-frisk tactics of the New York Police Department violated the constitutional rights of tens of thousands of New Yorkers, and called for a federal monitor to oversee broad reforms.**  
(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

objective reason to suspect them of wrongdoing. The stops, which soared in number over the last decade as crime continued to decline, demonstrated a widespread disregard for the Fourth Amendment,

which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government, as well as the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause, according to the 195-page decision. Scheindlin's criticism ex-

tended beyond the conduct of police officers; in holding the city liable for a battery of constitutional violations, the judge found that top police officials acted with deliberate indifference.

She said police commanders were content to dismiss allegations of racial profiling as "a myth created by the media."

Citing statements by the mayor and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, Scheindlin accused the city of using stop-and-frisk as a checkpoint-style policing tactic, with the intent of deterring minorities from carrying guns on the street. "I also conclude that the city's highest officials have turned a blind eye to the evidence that officers are conducting stops in a racially discriminatory manner," she wrote.

The judge designated an outside lawyer, Peter L. Zimroth, to monitor the Police Department's compliance with the Constitution. Scheindlin also ordered a number of other remedies, including a pilot program in which officers in at least five precincts across the city will wear body-worn cameras in an effort to record street encounters. She also ordered a "joint remedial process" - in essence, a series of community meetings - to solicit public input on how to reform stop-and-frisk. □

## US immigration debate renews talk on border fence

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**LOS EBANOS, Texas (AP)** —

If the U.S. Congress agrees on an immigration reform bill, it probably will include a requirement to erect fencing along the nation's nearly 2,000-mile (3,220-kilometer) Southwest border with Mexico.

But U.S. Customs and Border Protection isn't even sure the strategy works. And the prospect of the government seizing more land offends many property owners in the southernmost tip of Texas, where hundreds of people lost property during the last

push for fence construction.

"I'm still totally against it," said Aleida Garcia, who was among the Los Ebanos residents whose land was taken in 2008. She would rather have more agents patrolling the area.

The region's lawmakers appear to agree. Three congressmen from the Texas border who support immigration reform have said they would not support any bill conditioned on the construction of more border fence.

The Senate's immigration bill calls for at least 700 miles (1,125 kilometers) of

border fencing — half of which already exists.

But even as Congress debates the issue, Customs and Border Protection has failed to come up with any measurement of the fence's effectiveness. The agency told Congress' investigative arm last year that it needed three to five years to make a "credible assessment."

Farmers and others who live near the fence report seeing immigrants scale the 18-foot (5.5-meter) steel columns in seconds. And since the fence stands in segments across miles of open farmland, there's al-

ways the option of walking around the barrier.

David Aguilar, the Border Patrol's chief until he retired in February, said fencing is not appropriate everywhere or sufficient by itself.

Fencing, which costs on average of \$3.9 million per mile, was part of the solution that helped the Border Patrol gain control of a stretch of border near San Diego. Masses of people used to rush the border there, counting on agents' inability to catch everyone. Now the flow has slowed to a trickle.

While the rest of the South-

west border has seen fewer immigrant arrests, authorities in the Rio Grande Valley are busy.

More than half of the Border Patrol arrests in the sector are Central Americans, who have historically taken this more direct route into the U.S.

Arrests in the area are more than 50 percent higher through the first 10 months of the fiscal year than the same period last year.

Still, the 365,000 arrests at the border last year were far from the high of 1.2 million in 2005. Most observers attribute the drop to the U.S. recession. □



# Sinkhole causes Orlando villa to partially collapse

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Associated Press

CLERMONT, Florida (AP) —

A sinkhole swallowed part of a Florida resort villa near Disney World, starting with a loud rumble that broke windows and forced the frantic evacuation of frightened vacationers awakened from their rooms.

By early Monday, nearly a third of the structure at Summer Bay Resort near Orlando had collapsed. All 105 guests staying in the villa were evacuated, as were those in the neighboring buildings. No injuries were reported.

The villa, with 24 three-story units, was reported as a total loss, and inspectors remained on the scene Monday afternoon to determine whether the other two buildings near the 100-foot (30-meter) sinkhole would be safe to re-enter. Sinkholes are a common occurrence in Florida, though most are small.

The first sign of trouble came about 10:30 p.m. local time Sunday night. Security guard Richard Shanley had just started his shift, and he heard what sounded like shouting from a building. A guest flagged him down to report that a window had blown out.

Shanley reported it to management, and another window popped. The resort's staff decided to evacuate the villa.

Shanley said the building seemed to sink by 10 to 20 inches (25 to 50 centimeters) and bannisters began to fall off the building as he ran up and down three floors trying to wake guests. One couple with a baby on the third floor couldn't get their door open and had to break a window to get out, he said.

"It's a scary situation," Shanley said, and guests credited him with saving lives by knocking on doors to wake them. Inside, they

heard what sounded like thunder. Evacuation took about 10 to 15 minutes, according to staff and wit-

nesses. Amy Jedele heard screams coming from one of adjacent buildings around 10:30 p.m., and

several minutes later the sounds of sirens. She and her fiancé, Darren Gade, went outside. □



A portion of a building is in a sinkhole Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 in Clermont, Fla. The sinkhole, 40 to 50 feet in diameter, opened up overnight and damaged three buildings at the Summer Bay Resort. (AP Photo/John Raoux)



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## US Financial Front: American budget deficit down 37.6% through July

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. government on Monday reported a \$97.6 billion deficit for July but remains on track to post its lowest annual budget gap in five years.

July's figure raises the deficit so far for the 2013 budget year to \$607.4 billion, the government says. That is 37.6 percent below the \$973.8 billion deficit for the first 10 months of the 2012 budget year.

The Congressional Budget



**President Barack Obama speaks about housing and the shuttering of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Phoenix. Steady economic growth, higher taxes, lower government spending and increased dividends from Fannie and Freddie have helped shrink the deficit.**

(AP Photo/Matt York)

Office has forecast that the annual deficit will be \$670 billion when the budget year ends Sept. 30, far be-

low last year's \$1.09 trillion. It would mark the first year that the gap between spending and revenue has been below \$1 trillion since 2008.

Steady economic growth, higher taxes, lower government spending and increased dividends from mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have helped shrink the deficit.

Still, looming budget fights in Congress are complicating the picture.

When lawmakers return from their recess in September, they will need to increase the government's borrowing limit. They will also have to approve a spending plan for the budget year that begins Oct. 1. Republicans and Democrats remain far apart on both measures.

Republicans want President Barack Obama to accept deeper cuts in domestic government programs and in expensive benefit programs such as health care for the elderly and government pensions. Obama has argued that Republicans must be willing to accept higher taxes on the highest-earning Americans.

Conservative House Republicans have signaled a willingness to force a partial government shutdown as a way of defunding Obama's universal health care law, which they oppose.

A possible compromise would be to approve a stopgap budget to keep the government operating after Oct. 1 while both sides seek a permanent solution. □

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# Chinese businessman's plan produces few cars, jobs

**TUNICA, Mississippi (AP)** — In October 2009, GreenTech Automotive Inc.'s owner, Chinese businessman Xiaolin "Charles" Wang, unveiled four prototype cars during a flashy ceremony and promised to build a \$2 billion plant in Mississippi, the poorest state in the U.S.

The company said production of fuel-efficient vehicles would start in three years, and foreign investors who paid at least \$500,000 would get the chance to live in the United States. Meanwhile, the area would get desperately needed jobs and tax revenues.

But today, the company is under a federal investigation, and about the only thing on its land is a construction office. The company says it will be producing cars by April, but its plans have changed dramatically, from a goal of 250,000 a year to 30,000. And the investigation is bringing scrutiny to a company run by the brother of former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Some analysts say foreign investors may have been more interested in an easy way to get a U.S. visa and a chance at citizenship.

Besides backing from foreign investors, land was donated by Tunica County's economic development foundation, at a cost of \$1.8 million, and in 2011 the state gave a \$3 million loan. For a time, the company's chairman was Terry McAuliffe, a close adviser to former President Bill Clinton.

The cars were supposed to start rolling off the assembly line in 2012.

Instead, the company now uses a former elevator factory 30 miles (48 kilometers) away. A McAuliffe spokesman said about 100 small

electric vehicles were built by the time McAuliffe resigned in December. The thousands of promised jobs have yet to materialize.

"It takes time to build a brand new company in a capital-intensive industry like electric vehicles, and we will not cut corners on quality or safety as we progress. We have a plan," GreenTech said in a statement. The company said it has more than 100 workers. Some analysts say GreenTech exposes problems with a program used to attract foreign investors, known as the EB-5 visa program.

David North, a fellow with the nonprofit Center for Immigration Studies that examines immigration policies, said the foreign investors in the EB-5 program are primarily motivated by a desire to get green cards for them and their families. Under the EB-5 visa program, foreigners can invest \$500,000 or \$1 million in American business ventures, depending on the location of the project. In GreenTech's case, the program called for \$500,000 investments.

Under the rules of the program, each EB-5 investment must create at least 10 jobs. In exchange, the foreign investors get to stay in the United States for up to two years and can then apply for permanent U.S. residency. That's a faster process than for most other immigrants who must wait five years after establishing residency before being eligible for citizenship.

The EB-5 program is capped at 10,000 investors a year, and had 6,106 applicants in 2012.

The federal U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Immigrant Investor Program also designates so-

called "regional centers," companies that have authorization to handle the company's EB-5 investments. In this case, Gulf Coast Funds Management — a company headed by

from foreign investors for GreenTech, according to an internal immigration services document obtained by The Associated Press.

Rodham has not responded to phone messages at

government. Of GreenTech's 91 foreign investors, only one has received permanent residency status, according to an internal immigration services document obtained by the AP



Perry Turner, 21, who lives across the road from the planned site for GreenTech Automotive's Tunica, Miss., assembly facility, said there was a lot of talk about the new car company years ago in the county of about 11,000 people south of Memphis, Tenn. But that talk has faded and Perry said there has been little activity at the site until recent months.

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

Tony Rodham, Hillary Clinton's brother — is the designated "regional center" and has raised 45.5 million

Gulf Coast Funds or a message sent to an email address listed in government reports submitted to the

that outlines background information about the firm. The name of the investor was not disclosed. □



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# Bumpy Virginia, NYC races pose distractions for Clinton

**KEN THOMAS**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Hillary Rodham Clinton's effort to carefully craft her post-Cabinet image has hit a few bumps.

A sexting scandal in the New York City mayoral race and a federal investigation that's roiling the Virginia governor's race are recalling politically problematic chapters of her past.

Republicans are amplifying the parallels while also making a separate stink about television programs that CNN and NBC are developing about the former first lady and secretary of state. Republicans contend that the media are promoting Clinton's image ahead of a potential White House campaign in 2016.

It all adds up to a dose of unwanted attention, if not a distraction, for someone trying to maintain a golden image among Democrats during a respite that could precede a second presidential bid.

While Clinton has tried to maintain a relatively low profile this summer, her aides have found themselves having to answer for her family's connections to the two campaigns.

An electric car company started by Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe, a longtime Clinton friend and former Democratic National Committee chairman, is under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission along with a firm led by Anthony Rodham,



Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton listens as she is introduced to speak at a women's leadership symposium at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Clinton's effort to carefully craft her post-Cabinet image has hit a few bumps in recent weeks.

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Clinton's brother. The investigation centers on how they sought visas for foreign investors to McAuliffe's company.

In New York, former Rep. Anthony Weiner's campaign for mayor has faltered since revelations that he continued to exchange sexually explicit online messages with women after he resigned from Congress in 2011 because of a sexting scandal. Weiner is married to Huma Abedin, who is a longtime aide to Clinton and has stood by her husband's side.

For all the Republican-fueled promotion of the links to Clinton, the two campaigns probably will not have a lasting impact on her political profile after two decades in the spotlight.

Still, opponents are using them to recall Clinton's own past personal and professional troubles — and the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the Whitewater real estate investment saga.

Her supporters dismiss the connections and play down their impact.

"Not everything is about the Clintons," said former Rep. Ellen Tauscher.

That hasn't stopped Republicans from trying.

Senate Republicans and Virginia's attorney general,

Ken Cuccinelli, McAuliffe's Republican opponent in the governor's race, are closely watching the investigation of GreenTech Automotive, McAuliffe's former company.

The SEC subpoenaed records of GreenTech and Gulf Coast Funds Management, Rodham's firm, which sought investors to the company's auto plant. The investigation involves how the companies used a federal program that provides permanent residency to foreign investors who invest \$500,000 or more in businesses based in economically struggling areas. The agency overseeing the visa program has denied that politics were involved in helping the company. But the case could complicate matters for Clinton and dredge up old memories.

Anthony Rodham was a paid consultant to a Tennessee couple that received pardons from President Bill Clinton in 2000. Rodham has said he discussed the pardon with his brother-in-law but said the president made his decision on the merits.

McAuliffe served as chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and was a leading fundraiser for her husband's presidential bids. □



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## Evictions of Morsi backers in Egypt camps delayed again

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**CAIRO** - Egypt's military-appointed government Monday again postponed its latest threats to forcibly clear two camps here of tens of thousands of supporters of Mohammed Morsi, the ousted president, raising new questions about when and how the authorities might seek to end the six-week standoff. At the same time, in a new rebuke to the protesters' central demands for an end to the military takeover and the reinstatement of Morsi, the government formally extended his detention at an undisclosed location by another 15 days - a standard procedure here that often continues indefinitely.

It also took a further step toward a potential criminal prosecution, assigning a judge to investigate Morsi for charges relating to his activities during the revolution that ousted his predecessor, Hosni Mubarak. While Egyptians broadly consider Mubarak's autocracy to have been fundamentally illegitimate, Morsi is now under investigation related to his own escape from political imprisonment for his work in the Islamist political opposition that helped to fell Mubarak in 2011.

Among other things, Morsi is accused of conspiring with Hamas, the Palestinian militant group, to break out of prison, a charge that most human rights activists consider implausible. Morsi has been kept incommunicado at an undisclosed location, a deviation from normal Egyptian judicial procedures. There has been no indication that he will be allowed access to a lawyer. Maj. Gen. Hussein Kamal,



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi pray under a giant national flag in Nahda Square, where protesters have installed their camp near Cairo University in Giza, southwestern Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. An Egyptian official said a judge has ordered ousted President Mohammed Morsi to be detained for 15 more days, as investigations continue into charges that he conspired with Palestinian militants during the country's 2011 uprising.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

a senior intelligence official and former aide to Omar Suleiman, Mubarak's vice president and spy chief, suggested that it was seditious and unpatriotic to even inquire about Morsi's whereabouts.

"'Where' is nobody's business," he said in an interview. "Nobody is supposed to ask this question, and anybody who does is a traitor to this country because this is a matter of national security."

With little sign of a political resolution, it was unclear why the government announced the threat to disperse the sit-ins Sunday night and then delayed it Monday morning.

After telling journalists that the police would begin moving to choke off the sit-ins at dawn, Interior Ministry officials said Monday that the "leaks" of their original plans had drawn even larger crowds to the gatherings and forced a deferral. □

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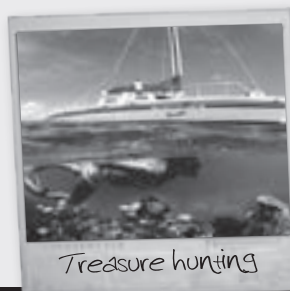


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# Keita wins Mali election after opponent concedes

**BABA AHMED  
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Associated Press**

**BAMAKO, Mali (AP)** — Former Prime Minister Ibrahim

Boubacar Keita won Mali's presidency after his opponent conceded defeat late Monday in an election aimed at restoring stability

to a country wracked by a rebellion, a coup and an Islamic insurgency. Soumaila Cisse's concession averts a protracted

election fight, allowing Mali to move ahead with establishing a democratically elected government, one of the international community's caveats for unlocking some \$4 billion in promised aid.

Keita, 68, had been expected to win the runoff easily, having pulled nearly 40 percent of the vote in the first round. Most of the other candidates from the first round had given their endorsements to Keita, who has had a long career in Malian government.

Cisse paid a visit to Keita's home late Monday along with his wife and family to deliver his concession in person. In an exchange broadcast on the private Malian television station Africable, Cisse told Keita he had come "to congratulate you and wish you all the success you deserve; a success for our country so that you can have the strength to take up the enormous challenges that await you."

"That is a symbol of the new Mali," Keita later told Africable, adding: "I am full of emotion."

Earlier in the day some of Cisse's supporters had raised allegations of ballot stuffing against Keita's party, raising the specter of a legal battle. Cisse's move drew praise from Keita's supporters late Monday.

"It's a democratic act that shows that whatever the circumstances, all Malians are from the same family," said Issouf Traore, 28, who voted for Keita. "This act will serve as a lesson to young Malian politicians but this gesture shows above all else that Soumaila Cisse is going to work together with IBK to restore the state, and bring peace and development."

Keita ran for the presidency in the two previous elections of 2002 and 2007. He also served as foreign minister and National Assembly speaker during his long tenure in Malian government. □



In this Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013 file photo, presidential frontrunner Ibrahim Boubacar Keita casts his vote at a polling station in Bamako, Mali. The former prime minister has won Mali's presidency after his opponent conceded defeat before official results were announced. Soumaila Cisse went late Monday, Aug. 12 to Keita's home to congratulate him on his victory, according to spokesmen for both candidates.

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## Prince Charles facing 'meddling' claim

**JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Prince Charles has had 36 private meetings with British Cabinet ministers in the last three years, a newspaper revealed Monday, and the large number has spurred accusations that the heir to the throne is meddling in politics. The Daily Mail compiled a list of the meetings from public records. They include seven with Prime Minister David Cameron since the May 2010 election.

The heir to the throne is expected to be politically neutral, but 64-year-old

Charles has expressed strong opinions on issues including education, architecture, religion, the environment, organic food and homeopathy.

The meetings included seven with ministers responsible for energy and climate change and five with environment ministers.

In an editorial, the usually pro-royal Daily Mail accused Charles of a "campaign of meddling."

"By lobbying ministers behind closed doors, the prince appears to be using his position to manipulate policy," the newspaper said. □



# Mexican president invites foreign investment in energy

ELISABETH MALKIN

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**MEXICO CITY** - President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico on Monday, pushing one of the most sweeping economic overhauls

foreign investment.

The president's plan, which would rewrite two amendments to the Constitution, challenges a bedrock assumption of Mexico's national identity - its total sov-

gas.

Peña Nieto's goal, like those of presidents before him, is to recharge Mexico's economy - the nation's economic growth has averaged less than 2

- by tackling areas that analysts agree hinder the nation's expansion. Perhaps the worst of those is the creaky energy sector. Already, Mexico must import almost half its gasoline - mostly from the United States. Mexican companies pay 25 percent more for electricity than their competitors in other countries, the government says. Although Mexico has some of the world's largest reserves of shale gas, it imports one-third of its natural gas.

In advancing the plan, Peña Nieto is making a

gamble that the support he has built with opposition parties to make deep-seated changes in education and telecommunications policy will carry over into the debate over energy and a related tax reform he will send to Congress next month.

The proposal would allow private companies to negotiate profit-sharing contracts with the government to drill for oil and gas. Under such a scheme, the reserves will continue to belong to the Mexican state, but investors will get a share of the profits. □



Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto, right, shows to the audience his proposal that would allow private firms to participate in the oil industry as his Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong applauds in Mexico City, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. Peña Nieto is making his most daring gamble yet, with a proposal to lift a decades-old ban on private companies in the state-run oil industry, a cornerstone of Mexico's national pride. (AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

in Mexico in the past two decades, proposed opening his country's historically closed energy industry to

ereignty over its energy resources - by inviting private companies to explore and pump for oil and natural

percent a year since 2000, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

## Peru: Slain rebels may be Shining Path leaders

FRANK BAJAK  
Associated Press

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Peruvian security forces said they believe they have killed two of the four leaders of what remains of the Shining Path rebel group during combat in a coca-growing region in the country's southeast, the president and armed forces chief said Monday.

President Ollanta Humana told reporters that DNA tests were being performed to confirm the identities of the top two military leaders of an insurgency the funds itself with the cocaine trade.

"Comrade Gabriel" is the nom de guerre of Marco Antonio Quispe Palomino, the youngest of three brothers from the Quispe Palomino clan that commands an estimated 500 fighters. "Comrade Alipio" is Alejandro Borda Casafra, the group's military chief.

"(Comrade) Alipio for certain. Still to be determined is (Comrade) Gabriel but it is nearly certain that it is him as well," armed forces chief Adm. Jose Cueto told The Associated Press.

The two were believed to be among three rebels killed Sunday night in combat in the Apurimac and Ene river valley region in what Cueto called the culmination of a long manhunt by police investigators and special forces.

"They were after them a good long time," he said, crediting human and technical intelligence but without providing immediate details. The Quispe Palomino band is the last remnant of the Shining Path insurgency that devastated Peru from 1980 to 2000. Since 2008, its fighters have killed more than 100 Peruvian troops in the river valley as it's become the world's biggest coca-producing region. In one

publicity-grabbing stunt in April 2012, the group's fighters briefly kidnapped 36 construction workers employed in the Camisea natural gas project. This month, it was blamed for destroying heavy equipment used in a road-building project after extortion money went unpaid. Drug experts say Peru has almost certainly supplanted Colombia as the world's No. 1 cocaine-producing country, with much of the product transiting the region where the Quispe Palomino clan holds sway over the local population. Much of the Peruvian product is flown or transported by land, only partially processed, to Bolivia.

A smaller Shining Path remnant that operated in the Upper Huallaga valley, another coca-growing region, was dismantled early last year with the capture of its leader Comrade Artemio. □

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# Kerry defends NSA programs in Bogota, Colombia

**DEB RIECHMANN**

**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry defended the National Security Agency surveillance programs on Monday and downplayed their impact on U.S. efforts to deepen relations with two key allies in Latin America.

Brazil and Colombia, two of the United States' closest friends in the region, have been rankled by reports that citizens of Colombia, Mexico, Brazil and other countries were among the targets of a massive NSA operation to secretly gather information about phone calls and Internet communications worldwide. The disclosures were made by NSA leaker Edward Snowden.

Kerry sought to play down the rift during a press conference in Bogota before heading to Brazil on his first trip to South America as secretary of state.

"Frankly, we work on a huge number of issues and this was in fact a very small part of the overall conversation and one in which I'm confident I was able to explain precisely that this has received the support of all three branches of our government," Kerry said. "It has been completely conducted under our Constitution and the law. ... The president has taken great steps in the last few days ... to reassure people of the U.S. intentions here."

He referenced the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "It's obvious to everybody that this is a dangerous world we're living in ... we

ated Kerry's efforts to restart the Mideast peace talks.

Kerry said he doesn't think the recent flap over Israeli

were to some degree expected because we have known that there was going to be a continuation of some building in certain

"Once you have security and borders solved, you have resolved the question of settlements," he said. "With the negotiation of major issues, these kind of hotspot issues ... are eliminated as the kind of flash-points that they may be viewed today."

He said he expected to talk with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the issue later today or tomorrow. "I'm sure we will work out a path forward." Kerry arrived late Sunday in Bogota, the Colombian capital, at a time when the country is holding peace talks to end a half century-old conflict with the Western Hemisphere's most potent rebel army. The rebel force has diminished in strength thanks in considerable measure to U.S. military and intelligence support. Kerry's discussions in Colombia also focused on trade, energy and counternarcotics and he met with Colombia President Juan Manuel Santos. "Colombia is a success story," Kerry said. "The Santos administration has taken a very courageous and very necessary and very imaginative effort to seek a political solution to one of the world's longest conflicts." Kerry began the day by having breakfast with two negotiators from the Colombian government, which has been conducting peace talks in Havana, Cuba, with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia since last year. Formed in the 1960s, the FARC is the oldest active guerrilla band in the Western Hemisphere. Observers say the FARC currently has about 8,000 armed fighters. After breakfast at his hotel, Kerry visited a gymnasium where members of the Colombia police and army, many who have lost limbs in the conflict, were playing rugby in wheelchairs reinforced with hard plastic instead of spokes. The chairs were designed to take a beating and during the game, and some players collided so violently that their chairs overturned on the court.



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, speaks as Colombia's Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin looks on during a joint news conference at the Presidential Palace in Bogota, Colombia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. Kerry is on a one-day official visit to Colombia.**

**(AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)**

are necessarily engaged in a very complex effort to prevent terrorists from taking innocent lives."

Colombian Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin said Colombia officials had traveled to Washington to learn more about the surveillance program. "We have received the necessary assurances to continue to work on this," she said through a translator.

In her opening remarks, Holguin said she appreci-

settlement announcements will derail the second round of Mideast peace talks this week in the region.

Israel approved building nearly 1,200 more settlement homes Sunday — the third settlement announcement in a week. It fueled Palestinian fears of a new Israeli construction spurt under the cover of U.S.-sponsored negotiations.

"The announcements with respect to settlements

places," Kerry said. "And I think the Palestinians understand that. I think one of the announcements was outside of that expectation and that's being discussed right now."

He restated the U.S. position that it views the settlements as illegitimate. He said the recent controversy underscored the importance of getting to the negotiating table quickly and resolving the questions with respect to settlements.

## Cuban-Americans call off protests against Bahamas

**MIAMI (AP)**

— Cuban-American activists in South Florida ended a hunger strike and series of protests Monday over the alleged mistreatment of Cubans detained in the Bahamas. The Bahamian government's announcement that it would conduct a formal investigation into the allegations coupled with a decision by Panama to grant asylum to 19 of 43 detained Cubans means the protest achieved its goals, said Ramon Saul Sanchez, a leader of a Cuban-Amer-

ican activist group.

"This is a victory for human dignity," he said. The group's noisy protests outside the Bahamian consulate and near the cruise ship port in Miami, angered Bahamian officials, who denied any mistreatment of migrants and had said an investigation was unnecessary.

Late last week, however, the government issued a statement saying it would conduct a formal investigation into the allegations raised by the demonstra-

tors, which included claims that migrants at the Carmichael Road Detention Center had been beaten by guards, denied access to adequate food and medical care and prevented from making asylum claims. "We will review the report and act accordingly, and take any punitive or disciplinary action as deemed necessary," the statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. The Bahamas also agreed to allow a U.S. official to visit the Carmichael Road Detention

Center, which has been criticized by governmental agencies and human rights groups for years for overcrowding and other problems. In announcing the end of their protest, Sanchez and fellow activist Jesus Alexis Gomez ate soup to end a hunger strike in support of the detained Cubans. The Bahamas has become a transit point for migrants, mostly from Cuba and Haiti, who try to reach the nearby United States, often with the aid of smugglers.





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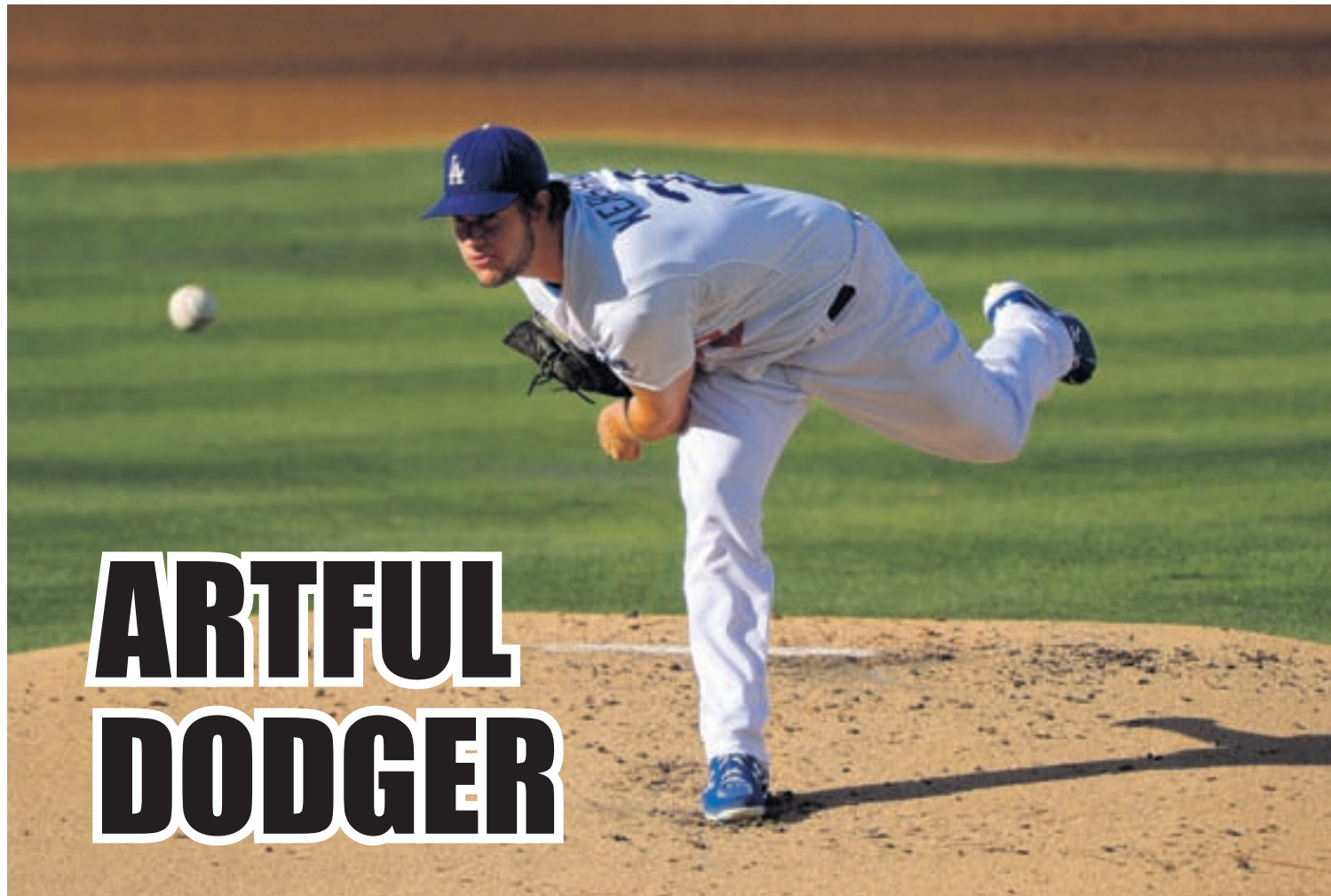


Samantha Stosur, of Australia, returns a volley to Svetlana Kuznetsova, of Russia, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament on Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, in Mason, Ohio.

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## Stosur tops Kuznetsova to advance in Ohio

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — Former U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur moved into the second round of the Western & Southern Open with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Svetlana Kuznetsova on Monday. Stosur, who won the 2011 U.S. Open, lost in the round of 16 at the Rogers Cup in Toronto last week after winning the Southern California Open. Former top-ranked singles player Martina Hingis and Daniela Hantuchova advanced to the second round in doubles with a 4-6, 6-4, 10-5 win over Anabel Medina Garrigues and Flavia Pennetta. In men's play, Nicolas Almagro became the first seeded player to fall, losing to Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6 (3), 6-4. Fabio Fognini was upset by Radek Stepanek, 6-2, 6-4. Meanwhile, 26th-ranked Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany beat American Mardy Fish 7-5, 6-2 and another American, Sam Querrey, won the first-set tiebreaker before losing 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4 to No. 20 Janko Tipsarevic. □



## ARTFUL DODGER

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws to the plate during the second inning of their baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in Los Angeles.

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# Dodgers complete sweep of Rays

**The Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Clayton Kershaw allowed just three hits over eight innings and had a two-run single as the Los Angeles Dodgers increased their National League West lead to a season-best 7½ games Sunday with an 8-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. Mark Ellis had a homer and three RBIs to help Los Angeles improve to a major league-best 37-8 since June 22, a stretch that has dramatically turned around their season after they trailed the Arizona Diamondbacks by as many as 9½ games. The Dodgers are a season-best 17 games over .500. The Rays lost their season-worst fifth in a row, but remained three games behind AL East-leading Boston following the Red Sox's loss at Kansas City.

Kershaw (11-7) allowed two runs — one earned — and struck out eight to help the Dodgers complete their seventh series sweep of the season.

The Dodgers finished their interleague schedule 11-6, their first winning record against AL clubs since going 10-8 in 2004, and the Rays completed their interleague slate 12-8. Kershaw is 6-3 with a 2.67 ERA in 17 career interleague starts, striking out 116 batters in 111 1-3 innings.

**NATIONALS 6, PHILLIES 0**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stephen Strasburg pitched a four-hitter and struck out 10 batters in the first complete game of his career, and Jayson Werth had his second straight three-hit game as the Washington Nationals completed a three-game

sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies. Strasburg (6-9) dominated the reeling Phillies for his first win since July 7 against San Diego. The Nationals had lost five straight games started by the right-hander.

The Phillies never had a runner in scoring position during their 11th straight road loss. Philadelphia has lost nine of 11 overall. Washington scored two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth against Kyle Kendrick (9-9), who surrendered 11 hits over 5 1-3 innings.

**BRAVES 9, MARLINS 4**  
**ATLANTA (AP)** — Freddie Freeman hit a three-run homer as Atlanta beat Miami after having its 14-game winning streak snapped Saturday.

B.J. Upton drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly and Chris Johnson hit a

two-run double in the four-run seventh inning that broke open a tie game. Jason Heyward had four hits, including a run-scoring single in the eighth. Evan Gattis had three, including his run-scoring double in the seventh. Mike Minor (12-5) gave up four runs on six hits and one walk in seven innings, ended a streak of six straight starts with no more than two earned runs allowed.

Dan Jennings (1-3) gave up two runs without recording an out in the Braves' four-run seventh.

**ROCKIES 3, PIRATES 2**  
**DENVER (AP)** — Nolan Arenado hit a go-ahead double in the seventh inning as Colorado beat Pittsburgh for a three-game sweep of the NL Central leaders.

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## WNBA Capsules

# Delle Donne , Sky slip past Lynx in OT 94-86

**ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP)** — Elena Delle Donne forced overtime with a clutch 3-pointer and had a career-high 32 points to lead the Chicago Sky to a 94-86 victory over Minnesota on Sunday.

Delle Donne added five points in the extra period for East-leading Chicago (15-7), which got 31 points from Sylvia Fowles, including six in overtime.

Seimone Augustus led a balanced Lynx attack with 26 points, Maya Moore had 19, while Lindsay Whalen and Rebekkah Brunson had 16 and 14 points, respectively.

The Sky rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit to lead in the late going before Augustus' go-ahead jumper with 47.3 seconds left in regulation gave the Lynx a 77-76 lead. Whalen made it 79-76 with

two free throws before Delle Donne's game-tying 3-pointer.

MYSTICS 74, SUN 63

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Crystal Langhorne scored 18 points as Washington held on to beat Connecticut, giving coach Mike Thibault his second victory over his former team this season.

Ivory Latta added 14 points, including a crucial late 3-pointer to help seal the victory for the Mystics (11-13), who won their second straight to keep hold of sole possession of fourth place in the Eastern Conference. Monique Currie added 12 points and Michelle Snow grabbed 10 rebounds for Washington, which had its 21-point third-quarter lead shrink to four during the fourth.

Tina Charles scored 18 points and Kelsey Griffin added 17 for the last-place

Sun (6-15), who lost their third straight and sixth in their past eight.

Thibault was fired last November after 10 seasons leading the Sun.

MERCURY 77, SHOCK 56

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Diana Taurasi had 20 points and seven assists to lead Phoenix to its second straight win over Tulsa.

Tulsa missed 15 straight shots, getting shutout over a 10-minute stretch of the first half, while Phoenix scored 21 points in a row to take control in the second quarter.

Candice Dupree had 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists for the Mercury (12-11), who beat the Shock on Friday.

Liz Cambage had 19 points and six rebounds for Tulsa (7-17), which has lost four of its last five games.

Phoenix set a league mark with 12 blocked shots in the



Chicago Sky's Elena Delle Donne is guarded by Connecticut Sun's Allison Hightower, right, during the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Uncasville, Conn., Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

Associated Press

first half and held Tulsa to a franchise-low four points in the second quarter.

LIBERTY 88, DREAM 82

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Cappie Pondexter scored 33 points as New York handed Atlanta its first home loss.

Angel McCoughtry scored 30 points and Erika de Souza had a season-high 23 points and 10 rebounds, but the Dream lost for the seventh time in eight games after a 10-1 start to the season. □

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# Fraser-Pryce wins gold in 100; Oliver in hurdles

**RAF CASERT**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — So far, the U.S.-Jamaican sprint rivalry is turning into a rout at the world championships. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce rubbed it in Monday with a winning margin of Bolt-esque proportions in the women's 100 meters. Her long hot-pink colored hair slashing in the air behind her, Fraser-Pryce flashed to an early lead and kept on building it before winning in a world leading 10.71 seconds. She even had time to clench and pump her fist as she crossed the line.

Silver medalist Murielle Ahoure of the Ivory Coast trailed by a massive .22 seconds, more than double the previous top margin in 30 years of world championships. The first American, defending champion Carmelita Jeter of the United States, took bronze in 10.94.

Like Usain Bolt, Fraser-Pryce now has two Olympic and two world titles in the 100 at the same age of 26.

"I am Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce. I compare myself to nobody," the Jamaican said. "What Usain has, he has. What I have is hard work."

What Bolt certainly doesn't have is hair extensions sent over from a Jamaican hairdresser: "It makes me pretty -- prettier."

Before a sparse crowd at Luzhniki Stadium, she gave Jamaica a 2-0 lead over the Americans in the sprint duel, showing the Caribbean island produces the fastest runners on the planet.



**United States' David Oliver clears a hurdle in the men's 110-meter hurdles semifinal at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

While Bolt is a slow starter and the mightiest of finishers, Fraser-Pryce reacts to the gun like few others.

"Most persons in the race are closers, when they get to 70 and 60 they are opening up," Fraser-Pryce said. "But I knew I had an advantage. And that was my start. And that was what I focused on."

By the end, all others could only watch her tresses flap across the line, pretty in pink. The United States got its part of the glory, too, when David Oliver led a 1-2 finish in the 110 hurdles with Ryan Wilson in second. It would have been a clean sweep had defending champion Jason Richardson not stumbled near the end and fell back to fourth.

Unlike Fraser-Pryce, Christine Ohuruogu never led in her race until the last

moment of the 400 final to beat defending champion Amantle Montsho by four-thousandths of a second. She set a British record to regain the world title she first won in 2007, dipping at the line to cap a great comeback.

"When I finished I didn't know if I'd won it, I didn't want to get over-excited until my name came up," Ohuruogu said.

Montsho said she was beaten by an elementary error — thinking she had won before crossing the line. "I did not see Christine coming from behind," Montsho said. "If I knew that I would push my chest forward and would have made it." At the end of Day 3 at the championships, the United States leads the medals table with three gold and six overall. Germany is second with four medals overall after Raphael Holzdeppe upset Olympic champion Renaud Lavillenie of France on a countback to win the pole vault. In the shot put, Valerie Adams became the first woman to win four straight individual world titles. The Olympic champion from New Zealand won with a toss of 20.88 meters. She has now won 38 straight events and has won every major championship at least twice. Christina Schwanitz of Germany took silver with and Gong Lijiao of China earned bronze. In a surprise as big as the pole vault, Pawel Fajdek of Poland won the hammer throw, snapping the 23-meet unbeaten streak of Olympic champion Krisztian Pars of Hungary. □



**Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, center, reacts as he crosses the finish line ahead of USA's Carmelita Jeter, left, and USA's Alexandria Anderson in the women's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

## Stenson posts 2nd straight top-3 finish at a major

**RACHEL COHEN**

**AP Sports Writer**

**PITTSFORD, New York (AP)**

— Henrik Stenson has closed with a 70 in two straight majors, steady performances under pressure.

The problem is, someone else was making a lot of birdies.

The 37-year-old Swede finished third at the PGA

Championship, three weeks after he was the runner-up at the British Open.

At Muirfield last month, it was Phil Mickelson's brilliant final round, and Stenson was three strokes back. This week at Oak Hill, it was an unflappable Jason Dufner with a 68 on Sunday, and Stenson again was three shots behind the winner.

And in between he tied for

second at the Bridgestone Invitational when Tiger Woods ran away with a seven-stroke victory.

After winning The Players Championship in 2009, Stenson struggled through three tough years hampered by illness and injury.

But the way he's playing now, maybe Sweden will final get its first major men's

champion.

The country had two chances Sunday, with Stenson and Jonas Blixt playing in the next-to-last group. Stenson started the day at 7 under, two strokes behind 54-hole leader Jim Furyk and one back of Dufner.

Blixt, who came in at 6 under, also shot a 70 to finish fourth.

After bogeying the first hole, Stenson curved in a long eagle putt at No. 4 to move to 8 under, a stroke out of the lead.

He knew he had to make birdies, but he just couldn't get enough of them.

"I thought I needed to get to double figures, that's for sure," Stenson said.

He was right. Dufner won at 10 under. □



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## Klitschko vs Povetkin bout set for October

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The long-anticipated bout between WBA heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko and Russia's Alexander Povetkin will be held in Moscow on Oct. 5, the boxers con-

firmed Monday. Klitschko was first set to defend his heavyweight title against Povetkin three years ago but the contract for the fight was never finalized.

"We had a long story with Alexander and could have met earlier," Klitschko said at a news conference. "Alexander hasn't lost a fight and I'm looking forward to meeting him but in no case will I underestimate him. I'm sure he will do his best to win on the night of Oct. 5."

The WBA heavyweight belt became vacant when Klitschko was elevated to "super champion" status in 2011 after beating David Haye.

Povetkin became the mandatory challenger for Klitschko when he beat American Hasim Rahman last September.

Earlier this year, the 37-year-old Klitschko improved to 60-3 when he beat Francesco Pianeta with his 52nd knockout, while the



World heavyweight boxing champion, Ukrainian Wladimir Klitschko, left, and WBA heavyweight world boxing champion Alexander Povetkin of Russia, pose for a photo after their news conference in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. Klitschko will face Alexander Povetkin in Moscow on Oct. 5.

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undefeated Povetkin, 33, has improved to 26-0 with his 18th knockout, stopping Polish challenger Andrzej Wawrzyk for his fourth successful defence of the "regular" title.

"I'm glad that this fight will

finally take place," Povetkin said. "I'm looking forward to meeting Wladimir, the strongest boxer right now."

The bout is scheduled to be held at Moscow's indoor Olympic stadium. □

## MLS Roundup



Los Angeles Galaxy forward Landon Donovan (10) moves the ball past Juventus' Leonardo Bonucci during a Guinness International Champions Cup soccer match at Dodger Stadium, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## Donovan scores hat trick, Galaxy-Dallas draw 3-3

**FRISCO, Texas (AP)** — Landon Donovan scored three goals for his fourth Major League Soccer hat trick before Blas Perez found the net a second time Sunday to give FC Dallas a 3-3 draw with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Donovan scored twice in nine minutes to give Los Angeles a 3-2 lead in the 82nd minute, but Perez notched his team-leading eighth goal of the season four minutes later.

Dallas nearly won it in stoppage time when Jackson launched a lofted 40-yard (-meter) shot that went off the right goal post.

The draw lifts the Galaxy into a share of fifth place with Seattle, while Dallas remains one point behind, just outside playoff contention. Matt Hedges scored Dallas' other goal in the 15th minute.

In Sunday's other match, Martin Rivero scored in the 80th minute as the Colorado Rapids salvaged a 1-1 draw with Chivas USA in a game marred by three sending offs.

Chivas midfielder Carlos Alvarez opened the scoring in the fifth minute.

Chivas USA finished with nine players and Colorado was down to 10 men. □



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## AL Capsules

# Rivera blows 3rd save in row, Gardner saves Yanks

**NEW YORK (AP)** — After Mariano Rivera blew a third straight save for the first time in his famed career, Brett Gardner homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the New York Yankees over the Detroit Tigers 5-4 Sunday for their first series win in more than a month.

Rivera (3-2) gave up another homer to a limping Miguel Cabrera and a drive to Victor Martinez in the top of the ninth, tying it at 4 and turning Alex Rodriguez's first homer of the season into a footnote. Gardner connected off Jose Veras (0-5).

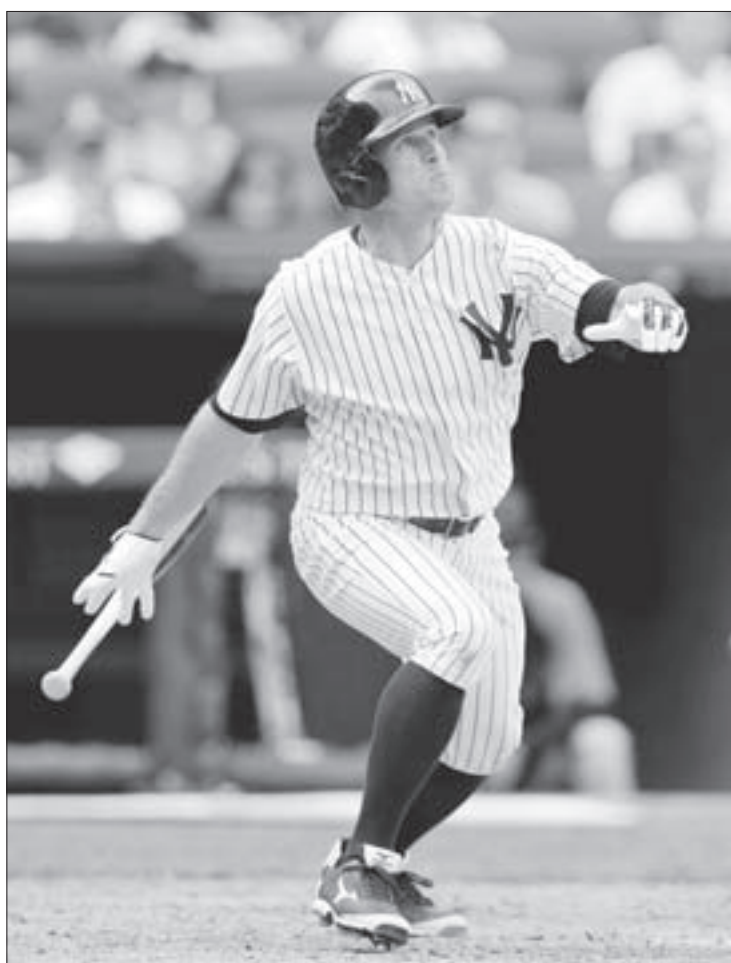
Rivera has a record 643 saves, but had never failed three in a row in 1,087 relief appearances coming in.

**ROYALS 4, RED SOX 3**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)** — James Shields earned his first home win in more than three months and Alex Gordon homered as the Royals beat the Red Sox.

The Royals improved to 18-5 since the All-Star break, winning seven consecutive series.

Shields (7-8) gave up three runs and seven hits over seven innings. Greg Holland got his 32nd save in 34 opportunities.



**New York Yankees' Brett Gardner watches his ninth-inning solo home run off Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Jose Veras in a baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in New York. The Yankees won 5-4.**  
**Associated Press**

Gordon connected off John Lackey (7-10) for his third homer in five games. Lackey is 0-4 in his past five starts.

The contending Royals announced a trade after the game, getting veteran in-

fielder Jamey Carroll from Minnesota for cash or a player to be named.

**RANGERS 6, ASTROS 1**  
**HOUSTON (AP)** — Martin Perez allowed four hits for his first career complete game, leading the Texas

Rangers past Houston for their seventh straight victory.

Chris Carter ruined Perez's shutout bid with a home run with two outs in the ninth inning.

Alex Rios had two hits, drove in a run and scored twice in his second game with the Rangers, who have won 12 of their last 13 games. Adrian Beltre also had two hits.

Perez (5-3) struck out a career-high eight while walking two in earning his second straight win.

Dallas Keuchel (5-7) allowed six runs and eight hits with eight strikeouts in 8 2-3 innings.

**ATHLETICS 4, BLUE JAYS 3**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Alberto Callaspo hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the eighth inning and Brandon Moss had a two-run homer as the Oakland Athletics beat Toronto.

Oakland outfielder Josh Reddick, who homered five times in the first two games of the series, was moved up to fifth in the order but failed to connect again. He went 1 for 3 with two walks.

Callaspo's hit came against Darren Oliver (3-3). Ryan Cook (4-2) pitched

1 1-3 innings for the win. Grant Balfour worked around Brett Lawrie's RBI double in the ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances. Balfour got Jose Reyes to ground out with the bases loaded to end it.

**INDIANS 6, ANGELS 5**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Michael Bourn drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning single as the Cleveland Indians rallied from a five-run deficit to break a six-game losing streak by the Los Angeles Angels. The Indians, held to one hit through five innings, got back in the game in the sixth on two-run homers by Nick Swisher and Mike Aviles, who entered the game in the third after shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera was ejected.

Carlos Santana's leadoff homer in the seventh off J.C. Gutierrez (0-3) tied the game.

Matt Albers (3-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings and Chris Perez recorded his 18th save as the Indians' bullpen threw 4 2-3 scoreless innings.

**MARINERS 2, BREWERS 0**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Felix Hernandez blanked Milwaukee on four hits for eight innings as the Seattle Mariners topped the Brewers. □

## NL Capsules

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The Pirates came to Coors Field this weekend with a five-game winning streak. They hold a three-game edge over St. Louis, and visit the Cardinals for a three-game series starting Tuesday night.

Pedro Alvarez homered for the Pirates. Reliever Bryan Morris (5-5) took the loss.

The Rockies last swept a series April 16-18 against the Mets on their way to a 13-4 start.

They have struggled the last two months to fall from the top of the NL West to out of the playoff race.

Manuel Corpas (2-2) pitched a clean seventh inning for the win.

**REDS 3, PADRES 2, 13 INNINGS**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Joey

Votto delivered a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 13th inning as Cincinnati overcame two more errors for its fourth win in five games.

Jack Hannahan drew a one-out walk from Tim Stauffer (1-1) and Choo Shin-soo snapped a 0-for-16 slump with a one-out double to right field.

Ryan Hanigan, pinch-hitting against a drawn-in, five-man infield and shallow two-man outfield, was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

The Padres went back to three outfielders with everybody drawn in, and Votto hit a fly to left field to drive in Hannahan from third base.

Xavier Paul tied the score with a two-run, pinch-hit home run off Ian Kennedy in the eighth. Sam LeCure (2-1), Cincinnati's seventh



**Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Nationals Park, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in Washington. Strasburg pitched his first complete game and the Nationals won 6-0.**  
**Associated Press**

pitcher, pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

**CARDINALS 8, CUBS 4**  
**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Pete Kozma singled home the tiebreaking run in the sixth inning as St. Louis ended

a four-game losing streak, beating Chicago and avoiding a sweep.

Matt Carpenter and Allen Craig each had three hits and drove in a run.

Jon Jay and David Freese

both drove in two runs, though they only had one hit between them.

The Cardinals dropped five of six to begin a 10-game homestand.

Randy Choate (2-1) faced one batter, getting leadoff man David DeJesus to pop out with two men on to end the sixth.

Edward Mujica worked the last two innings for his 31st save in 33 chances.

Tony Cruz doubled with two outs in the sixth off Blake Parker (1-2) and scored easily on Kozma's single. Parker was the winner Saturday with an inning of relief.

**ORIOLES 10, GIANTS 2**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — J.J. Hardy hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning, and Adam Jones added a three-run shot in the ninth as Baltimore pounded San Francisco. □

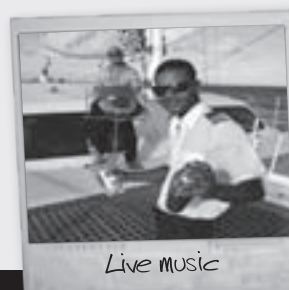


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# Disney prepares a toy offensive with 'Infinity'



This publicity image released by Disney shows characters from the video game, "Disney Infinity." Associated Press

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**GLENDAL, California (AP)** — With cartoony posters plastering the walls and toy figures standing at attention on nearly every flat surface, a once ordinary conference room on Disney's Glendale campus has been transformed into the colorful war room for "Disney Infinity," the ambitious project from the company's interactive division that combines real-life toy figures with virtual worlds.

"This is like being in my bedroom," says "Infinity" executive producer John Vignocchi while bouncing around the space, gleefully showing off concept art, prototypes and a mock-up of a store display. "This is really the most comfortable place where you could talk to me. It's where every massive fight and every major decision concerning 'Infinity' has gone down."

It's fitting the space has been dubbed the "Infinity" war room because the Walt Disney Co. is readying for a years-long siege — not just a one-time battle — for consumers' attention with the multi-platform franchise. At its fan-centric D23

Expo on Sunday, Disney unveiled a second wave of characters coming to "Infinity" this fall and winter after it debuts Aug. 18.

"Infinity" utilizes real-life toy figures to depict Disney personalities in sprawling virtual locales where those same characters can do stuff like race vehicles, create and play games and construct buildings — cooperatively or alone — as well as go on specific adventures in their own realms.

Each toy stores and transmits the character's history through an "Infinity" reader.

The new additions include Sorcerer Mickey from "Fantasia"; Woody, Jessie and Buzz Lightyear from "Toy Story"; Wreck-It Ralph and Vanellope from "Wreck-It Ralph"; Phineas and Agent P from "Phineas and Ferb"; Jack Skellington from "The Nightmare Before Christmas"; Rapunzel from "Tangled"; and Anna and Elsa from "Frozen," a new Disney film set for release Nov. 27.

The second infantry joins such previously announced characters as Jack Sparrow, Hector Barbossa and Davy Jones from "Pirates of the Caribbean"; Mike and Sulley

from "Monsters University"; Lightning McQueen, Mater and Holley Shiftwell from "Cars"; Mr. Incredible, Violet and Dash from "The Incredibles"; and the Lone Ranger and Tonto from "The Lone Ranger." "In the beginning, when we picked our first set of characters, it was more about going around and saying why we wanted those characters to the various groups around the company," Vignocchi said. "As time went on and the creators began to see what we were doing with 'Infinity,' the roles kind of changed a bit, and they started approaching us with excitement." The game — or platform, as Disney likes to call it — will be available for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii and Wii U, as well as accessible through Nintendo 3DS and PC, and on tablets and smartphones. The toys work seamlessly between consoles, meaning a Mrs. Incredible figure can go from a PS3 in your living room to the Wii in your friend's basement with her superpowers intact.

It's not the first of its kind. "Infinity" closely resembles the successful "Skylanders" franchise from Activi-

sion Blizzard Inc. However, Disney's rendition of the toy-meets-console genre relies on better-known characters and adds an open-world toy box mode akin to "LittleBigPlanet," where users' imaginations can run wild, for example, plopping Jack Sparrow in Cinderella's coach.

If audiences pull the trigger on "Infinity," it could become another huge moneymaker for Disney. A starter pack, which includes the game, reader, three characters, three playsets and a power disc that bolsters abilities or adds new items to the toy box, will be \$74.99 with additional figurines and discs sold separately or bundled together, like in the villains and princess packs.

Disney is betting "Infinity" will be a hit. Disney Interactive Studios, which has been responsible for such games as the Mickey Mouse console adventure "Epic Mickey" and the online virtual world "Club Penguin," is the company's least successful division. In recent years, it's moved away from console games in favor of more popular and cheaper to produce mobile games. □

## UK bars trash cans from tracking people with Wi-Fi

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Officials demanded Monday that an advertising firm stop using a network of high-tech trash cans to track people

walking through London's financial district.

The Renew ad firm has been using technology embedded in the hulking receptacles to measure

the Wi-Fi signals emitted by smartphones, and suggested that it would apply the concept of "cookies" — tracking files that follow Internet users across the Web

— to the physical world.

"We will cookie the street," Renew Chief Executive Kaveh Memari said in June.

But the City of London Corporation insisted that Re-

new pull the plug on the program, which captures smartphones' serial numbers and analyzes signal strength to follow people up and down the street. □



# Wall Street: Miners, deal stocks, Apple rise on flat trading day

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Corporate deal stories and technology stocks were bright spots on Wall Street Monday on a day when the indexes ended relatively flat. BlackBerry jumped after the struggling smartphone maker said it would consider a sale. Dole Foods rose after its CEO said he would take the company private and Steinway Musical Instruments gained after receiving a new buyout offer. Apple, another smartphone maker, was also in the news. The tech giant's stock rose after the blog AllThingsD said the company would release the latest version of its iPhone on Sept. 10.

The stock's rise helped make technology stocks the leading gainers in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Still, those gains weren't enough to push the broad-market index up for the day.

The S&P fell 1.95 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 1,689.47. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.83 points, or less than 0.1 percent, at

15,419.68.

Stocks had opened lower after logging their biggest weekly loss in almost two months. By late morning the losses had been pared, and the S&P and Dow remained marginally lower throughout the day.

Apple rose \$12.91, or 2.8 percent, to \$467.30. The company makes up 7.9 percent of the Nasdaq composite and its advance pushed the index up 9.84 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,669.95.

Newmont Mining was the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after the prices of gold and silver advanced. Gold rose for a fourth day on reports of increased demand from China. Silver gained the most in three weeks.

Stocks have been treading water this month as companies finished reporting earnings for the second quarter and investors considered when the Federal Reserve will start to ease back on its economic stimulus. The U.S. central bank is buying \$85 billion a month to keep long-term interest rates low. Many analysts expect that it will start reducing those purchases as



**Richard Newman works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Corporate deal stories and technology stocks were bright spots on Wall Street Monday on a day when the indexes ended relatively flat.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

soon as next month.

The tepid August follows big gains for stocks for July, when the S&P 500 rose 5 percent, its best month since January.

Stocks climbed last month after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke reassured investors that the Fed would only ease back on its stim-

ulus once the economy is strong enough to handle it. The Fed's stimulus has been a major factor driving a bull market for stocks that has lasted more than four years.

Any pullback in stocks now is presenting investors with a buying opportunity, said Doug Cote, chief market

strategist with ING U.S. Investment Management.

"There will be some near-term volatility, but it's a buying opportunity and a chance to get fully invested in the market," Cote said.

The S&P 500 is up 0.2 percent this month. For the year, it's up 18.5 percent. Investors will get further clues about the strength of the economy this week when the U.S. Commerce Department publishes its July retail sales figures Tuesday. There will also be data on the housing market, industrial production and the Philadelphia Fed's survey of manufacturing on Thursday.

The market's reaction to the reports may be muted as many market participants are likely to be on vacation this week, said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Funds.

"When everybody is at the beach, it takes a louder bang to get the BlackBerries to start humming," Kelly said.

Sluggish economic growth figures from Japan, the world's third-largest economy, disappointed investors and weighed on the stock market in early trading. □

## CEO to take Dole Food private in \$1.21B deal

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE, California (AP)** — Dole Food said Monday its CEO will take it private, in a deal that values the company at approximately \$1.21 billion.

Dole shareholders will receive \$13.50 per share, a 5 percent premium to its \$12.81 Friday closing price. This is a sweetened bid for the fresh fruits and vegetable business, up from the \$12 per share Chairman and CEO David Murdock offered in June.

Dole currently has about 89.9 million outstanding shares, according to FactSet.

The company put the transaction's total value at about \$1.6 billion, which includes debt.

Dole Food Company Inc.'s stock jumped 64 cents, or 5 percent, to \$13.45 in morning trading. The shares

have traded in a 52-week range of \$9.25 to \$15.19.

Dole has gone through a number of major changes recently.

It sold its packaged foods and Asia fresh business for

a narrower focus that also makes its earnings more volatile.

In May, Dole said it would indefinitely suspend its \$200 million share repurchase program and use its

the repurchase plan was the drag on earnings, due to recent losses in its strawberry business.

The acquisition will be financed with cash and equity from Murdock and financing committed by Deutsche Bank, Bank of America and The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Dole's board unanimously approved the offer, which still needs the approval of at least a majority of outstanding shares held by stockholders other than Murdock and his affiliates. Murdock abstained from the board vote.

Dole, which is based in Westlake Village, California, will have a 30-day go-shop period in which it can actively seek out alternative bids from other parties. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter. □



**Dole Food said Monday its CEO will take it private, in a deal that values the company at approximately \$1.21 billion.**

(Handout Photo)

\$1.69 billion in a deal that closed in April. That allowed Dole to become solely an international commodity produce company, with

cash instead to update its shipping fleet to enhance growth prospects. The company said that another factor in the suspension of



## Campbell Soup negotiating to sell EU holdings

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Campbell Soup says it is in final negotiations to sell its European business to private equity firm CVC Capital Partners for an undisclosed sum, the latest move by CEO Denise Morrison to reshape the company. The proposed sale includes the company's soups, sauces and other products that are sold under a variety of names in Belgium, Finland, France, Germany and Sweden. The deal, which is not yet final, doesn't include products in the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Middle East or Africa, or the export of its Pepperidge Farm baked goods. The announcement is just the latest structural change for the soup maker since Morrison took over two years ago. Morrison has vowed to right the company's struggling canned soup business in the U.S. and has been moving to diversify with the type of fresher products that are growing in popularity. Campbell Soup Co. recently purchased Bolthouse Farms, which makes premium juices, salad dressings and baby carrots, as well as Plum Organics, which makes food for babies and kids. The company noted that the proposed sale of the European brands, which includes four plants, is subject to regulatory approvals. "It's not a definitive agreement, therefore we can't provide any more detail," said Carla Burigatto, a Campbell representative. She did not immediately know whether any of the company's namesake products are sold in the countries named in the deal. Campbell, based in Camden, New Jersey, says the brands included in the deal generate annual sales of \$530 million. That represents about 7 percent of the company's net sales last year. Among the brands being sold are Devos Lemmens and Royco in Belgium, Liebig and Royco in France, Erasco in Germany and Bia Band in Sweden. □

## Struggling BlackBerry weighing "strategic alternatives"

ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — BlackBerry will consider selling itself after the long-awaited debut of its new phones failed to turn around the struggling smartphone maker. The company said Monday that its board has formed a special committee to explore "strategic alternatives" in hopes of enhancing the company's value and boosting adoption of its BlackBerry 10 platform. The company said its options could also include joint ventures, partnerships, or other moves. The Canadian company's U.S.-traded stock closed up 10.5 percent to \$10.78 on Monday. The BlackBerry, pioneered in 1999, had been the dominant smartphone for on-the-go business people and other consumers before Apple debuted the iPhone in 2007 and showed that phones can handle much more than email and phone calls. In the years since, BlackBerry Ltd. has since been ham-

pered by competition from the iPhone as well as Android-based rivals. In January, the company unveiled new phones running a revamped operating system called BlackBerry 10

for the new phones.

"Now they have to go to the next step of what's best for the company and shareholders to survive long term because it doesn't look promising

numerous delays modernizing its operating system with the BlackBerry 10. During that time, it had to cut more than 5,000 jobs, and shareholder wealth declined by more than \$70 billion. Heins had said then he was not actively looking to sell BlackBerry, but wanted to be prepared given the challenging environment. He ended up focusing on launching BlackBerry 10 this year, but the company warned in June of future losses. Analysts on Monday began guessing who might want to buy BlackBerry.

"If they can get it done they should absolutely do it. If (BlackBerry has) a future it would be better to do out of the public eye," said BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis. Given that director Prem Watsa, the company's largest investor with a 9.9 percent stake, is resigning from BlackBerry's board "due to potential conflicts that may arise during the process," some picked him as a possible bidder. □



**Featured is the BlackBerry Z10 smartphone. Struggling smartphone maker BlackBerry will consider selling itself. The Canadian company said Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, its board has formed a special committee to explore "strategic alternatives" in hopes of boosting the adoption of its BlackBerry 10 smartphone. (AP Photo)**

designed to better compete. But its market share continues to lag, and the company warned in June of future losses.

Mike Walkley, an analyst with Canaccord Genuity, said sales are getting worse even with price reductions

on BlackBerry 10 sales," Walkley said. Monday's announcement marks the second time BlackBerry has said it has hired bankers to help weigh its options since Thorsten Heins became CEO in early 2012. The company had faced

## KFC parent Yum sees setback in China recovery

CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — KFC parent Yum Brands Inc. said Monday a key sales figure for its critical China unit fell 13 percent in July, marking a setback in its push to recover from a bird flu scare and an earlier controversy over its chicken supply. The company, based in Louisville, Kentucky, had reported easing sales declines in recent months, suggesting that it was on the path to winning back spooked customers. In June, the figure was down 10 percent, after a 19 percent drop in May and a 29 percent decline in April. But in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Monday, Yum simply cited the "residual effects" of the supplier issue late last year for July's backslide. It stood by its forecast that sales at established restaurants would gradually recover and turn positive in the fourth quarter. Sales at established restaurants is a

key indicator of a chain's strength, because it strips out the impact of newly opened and closed locations.

China is a critical region for Yum, which is the biggest Western fast-food operator in the country, with KFC

sales from China.

But late last year, sales began to plummet after a Chinese TV report said some of the company's suppliers were giving chicken unapproved levels of antibiotics. The company was slow to react, at first

ing more than 1,000 small producers from its chicken supplier network.

At the end of March, its progress on the supplier front was interrupted when a new strain of bird flu surfaced in the country. But in reporting its quarterly results last month, a spokesman for the company said that news of the avian flu and any residual effects of the supplier issue had dissipated. A representative for Yum didn't respond to request for comment Monday. Yum, which also owns Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, has been reporting its monthly sales figures for China to keep investors updated on its recovery efforts. The July decline reflected worse performance at both its KFC and Pizza Hut chains. It included a 16 percent drop at KFC for the month, compared with a 13 percent drop in June. At Pizza Hut, the figure was up 3 percent in July, compared with a 6 percent increase in June. □



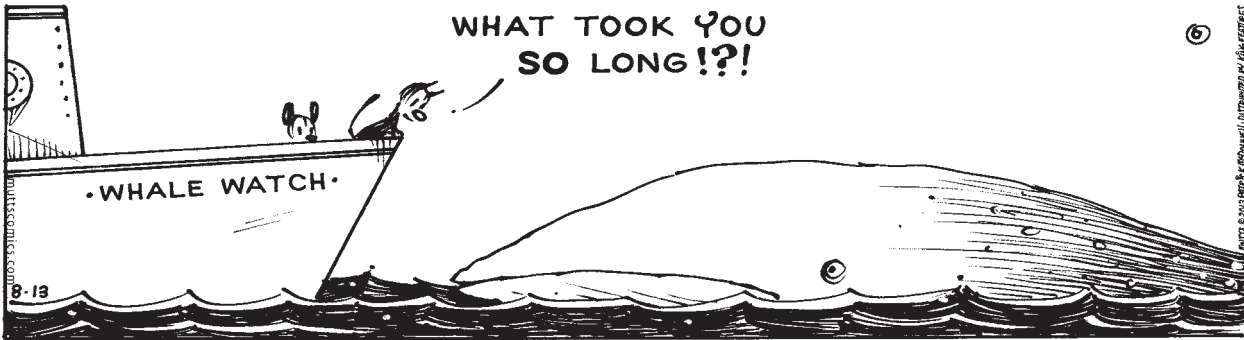
**A close-up of a sign with a picture of Colonel Sanders is shown on the wall of a combination Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell. (AP Photo)**

accounting for most its locations. The company has seen its profits soar along with the country's rapid economic expansion in recent years. In 2012, it raked in more than half its total

dangling free drinks and ice cream to bring diners back. It later embarked on a more aggressive campaign to reassure customers of the safety of its food, and said it was eliminat-



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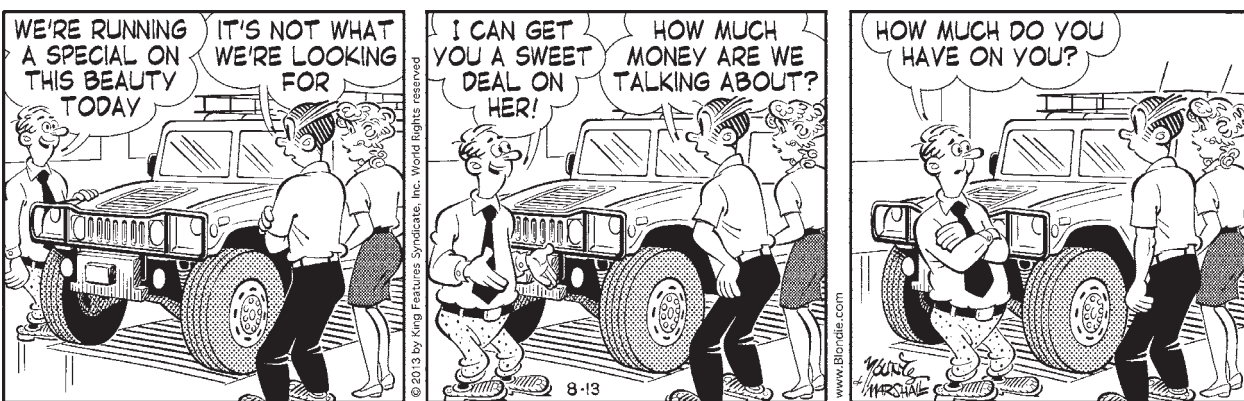


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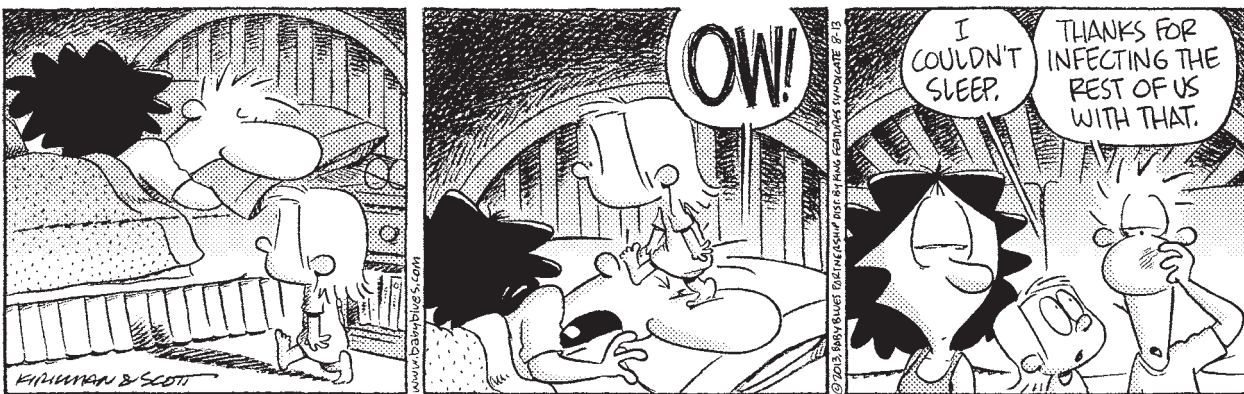
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer	3	5	8	7	9	6	1	2	4
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	8	3	4	5	7	9	2	1	6
	9	6	5	2	8	1	7	4	3
	2	7	1	3	6	4	9	8	5

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- Robin or wren
- Academy Award
- Chicago team
- Zone
- Rub enough to make sore
- Letters asking for urgency
- Rich soil
- cotta; clay for garden pots
- Brazil's western neighbor
- Furious
- Counseled
- "Along, Little Dogies"
- Go to see
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Launch site
- Jewish leader
- Had regrets
- Swim \_\_\_; flipper
- Pill to calm the nerves
- Happy \_\_\_ clam
- Sensible
- Dance partner for chips
- Great fright
- Building site
- Archer William
- School composition
- Devious
- Easy to reach
- Nation whose capital is Valletta
- Curved bone
- Casino patron
- Make unusable
- Skating rink's shape, usually
- Audio's pal
- In just a bit
- No longer here
- Royal decree
- in; wearing
- Was in debt
- Smells strongly
- Chances

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Bundle of hay
- Press clothes
- Tush
- Harmed
- Group of eight
- Lean-to
- Taurus or Pirus
- Petrified
- Uses a Kindle
- Rome or Paris
- Does drugs
- Unclothed
- Tater
- Card game
- Go \_\_\_; be viewed widely online
- Scoop flavor
- Very angry
- City transports
- Scorches
- out; overeat
- VP Joe \_\_\_
- Erect
- Say indirectly
- In favor of
- Brewer's tub

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ROUGE	OBEY	ANEW
OPERA	TEAM	SILLO
DESERTED	BUTTER	
	SHAM	MOSEYED
SETSUP	PALER	
AVE	GENES	DEALS
KILN	ROOTS	DRIP
ELLEN	UNSER	TEA
	PAINS	VERSUS
OBTAINS	MENU	
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TALE	ECHO	AFIRE
EVES	ROAR	LURES
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- True-blue
- Playfully shy
- Talked on and on aimlessly
- Hot sauce
- Long step
- and hers
- Crowbar
- Public uprisings
- \_\_\_ dancer; disco performer
- Declare openly
- Lion's neck hair
- Stack of cards
- Courageous
- Burden carried
- Ceases
- Perish



# UK bars trash cans from tracking people with Wi-Fi

**RAPHAEL SATTER**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Officials demanded Monday that an advertising firm stop using a network of high-tech trash cans to track people walking through London's financial district.

The Renew ad firm has been using technology embedded in the hulking receptacles to measure the Wi-Fi signals emitted by smartphones, and suggested that it would apply the concept of "cookies" — tracking files that follow Internet users across the Web — to the physical world.

"We will cookie the street," Renew Chief Executive Kaveh Memari said in June.

But the City of London Corporation insisted that Renew pull the plug on the program, which captures smartphones' serial numbers and analyzes signal strength to follow people up and down the street. Renew didn't immediately return a call seeking comment on whether it would comply with the authorities' demand.

The trash cans join a host of everyday objects from televisions to toilets that are being manufactured with the ability to send and receive data, opening up new potential for interaction — and surveillance.

It's unclear how Renew had planned to use the data,



**A taxi is driven past a trash bin in central London, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

which were gathered by its reinforced, shoulder-height pods stationed near St. Paul's Cathedral and Liverpool Street Station.

But if a company could see that a certain smartphone user spent 20 minutes in a McDonald's every day, it could approach Burger King about airing an ad on the bin's video display whenever that user walks by at lunchtime. Or it could target its commercials in real time by distinguishing between people who work in the area and visiting tourists.

The prospect drew comparisons to the creepy "Good evening, John Anderson" ads from the Tom Cruise thriller "Minority Report."

Renew first tested the technology using 12 trash cans

in May, but the story didn't get traction until an article on news website Quartz led to a burst of media coverage.

"Anything that happens like this on the streets needs to be done carefully, with the backing of an informed public," read a statement from the City of London Corporation, which is responsible for the city's historic "square mile," home to financial institutions, law firms and tourist landmarks.

A spokesman for the body said it had been blindsided by the tests, which he said it learned about through the press only last week. □

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# Study suggests Neanderthals were more advanced

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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Researchers have found what they say are specialized bone tools made by Neanderthals in Europe thousands of years before modern humans are thought to have arrived to share such skills, a discovery that suggests modern man's distant cousins were more advanced than previously believed.

In a paper published online Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers discuss their discovery of four fragments of bone in southwestern France that they say were used as lissoirs, or smoothers, to make animal hides tougher and more water-resistant.

The researchers believe the oldest tool is 51,000 years old, while the other three are between 42,000 and 47,000 years old. Similar tools are still used by leather workers to this day. Until now, scientists have believed that modern humans taught the Neanderthals how to make the tools, but modern humans are only believed to have reached central and western Europe 42,000 years ago.

The researchers say the discovery provides the first evidence that Neanderthals may have independently made specialized bone tools — that is, tools that could only be made from bone. Other early Neanderthal bone tools were simply replicas of their stone tools.

The find adds to an evolving understanding that these distant cousins weren't perhaps the brutes they have come to represent in popular culture — but also confirms that there is still much we don't know



**This undated photo provided Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 by Pech-de-l'Aze Project shows a classic Neanderthal cave site of Pech-de-l'Aze, southwestern France, where a bone tool called a lissoir was recently found.**

about them.

"It's adding to a growing body of research, that's growing quite rapidly at the moment, that's showing that Neanderthals are capable and did produce tools ... in a way that is much more similar to modern humans than we thought even a couple of years ago," said Rachel Wood, an archaeologist and researcher in radio-carbon dating at the Australian National University who was not involved in the study.

Shannon P. McPherron, one of the archaeologists involved in the dig and an author of the article, said it's possible that other Neanderthal dig sites contain similar tools. However, since they were probably used until the tips broke off — leaving a fragment just a few centimeters long, as was the case with three of the tools found — they would be difficult to spot.

"It's like looking at pencil

leads," he said, expressing hope the find would fuel more discoveries. "Once you sort of get the pattern, it's a lot easier to spot them."

McPherron even held out the possibility that Neanderthals were the ones who showed modern humans how to make lissoirs, although modern humans clearly started making specialized bone tools on their own.

"It's pretty rare that you hear that argument, so it's nice to hear it," said Wood, who noted that mostly researchers talk about modern humans influencing

Neanderthals.

Even though the age of the tools suggested Neanderthals began making them on their own, McPherron, of Germany's Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, and his co-authors didn't rule out the possibility that they did adopt this technology from modern humans. But that would mean modern humans entered Europe much earlier than thought. Scientists have recently begun to ask new questions about whether and for how long Neanderthals and modern humans co-existed. While the two groups were long thought to have intermingled and even interbred for thousands of years in Europe, a study published earlier this year suggested that Neanderthals went extinct in their last European refuge much earlier than previously thought, as long as 50,000 years ago — thousands of years before modern humans were thought to have arrived.

"Our find could indicate that there was a long period of interaction, where modern humans came into Europe and sent ripples through the pond, and then maybe withdrew and then came back again," McPherron said.

But Sabine Gaudzinski-Windheuser, a professor at Mainz University who also wasn't involved with the study, said the evidence

was a bit thin to draw any conclusions about the interaction between the two groups.

"Based on this find to make statements about the transition or the interaction



**This undated photo provided Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, by Abri Peyrony Project shows the most complete lissoir, or smoothing tool made of bone, smaller than a person's hand at just a few centimeters long, found during excavations at the Neanderthal site of Abri Peyrony.**

**Associated Press**

between Neanderthals and modern humans is really, well, you really have to stretch the evidence very far to get to this conclusion," she said. □

## U.S. judge: Quarter horse group must accept clones

**BETSY BLANEY**

**Associated Press**

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — The pre-eminent U.S. quarter horse organization must begin allowing cloned animals to be added to its prestigious registry, a federal judge decided Monday. The judge issued an injunction against the American Quarter Horse Association and its prohibition of cloned horses, and their offspring, from its registry. The registry adds financial

value to listed animals.

Two Texas ranchers had successfully sued the 280,000-member association, saying it was operating a monopoly by not allowing cloned horses. Jurors sided with the ranchers last month, ruling that association was violating anti-trust laws, but the association — which has vowed to appeal — wasn't immediately ordered to change its policy.

U.S. District Judge Mary

Lou Robinson announced the injunction during court Monday. It will take effect 30 days after she signs it, which may happen later this week.

The decision could set a precedent because no American horse breeding groups currently allow cloned horses to be registered.

"We're thrilled. We're just thrilled," said Nancy Stone, the ranchers' attorney. "It is definitely time." □

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## Caitlin Strong returns in 'Strong Rain Falling'



This book cover image released by Forge shows "Strong Rain Falling," by Jon Land.

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The first four novels in Jon Land's Caitlin Strong series read like episodes from the "Die Hard" franchise, with the swaggering, trigger-happy female Texas Ranger standing in for the preposterously heroic John McClane. But in "Strong Rain Falling," the author seems to have dropped his heroine into the middle of a James Bond movie.

The tense, suspenseful plot begins when gunmen attempt to assassinate the two teenage children of Cort Wesley Masters, the reformed mob enforcer who is Caitlin's love interest. As Cort and Caitlin try to find out why someone wants the boys dead, they uncover a diabolical plan to plunge the United States into the Dark Ages.

The scheme is the brain-storm of Ana Callas Guajardo, a powerful Mexican national with a lust for power, a bone-deep hatred of America and a secret high-tech lair reminiscent of Blofeld and Goldfinger. Guajardo even has a psychotic, almost super-human, henchman who brings to mind Bond characters like Jaws and Odd-job. Land created Caitlin,

the scion of four generations of legendary Texas Rangers, when he realized how scarce female heroes were in the thriller genre. Now he's provided her with a female villain worthy of her prowess. Working with Caitlin and Cort is the usual supporting cast including her long-suffering boss, Capt. D.W. Tepper; their menacing friend, Guillermo Paz; and the meddling Homeland Security agent who calls himself Jones.

As usual in a Caitlin Strong novel, the plot has roots deep in the Lone Star State's past. This time it's the early 19th-century genesis of the Mexican drug trade and the Texas Rangers' border struggle with Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. This allows Land to lace his story with tidbits of Texas Rangers lore. That and details about America's vulnerability to attack give the novel a veneer of seriousness, but as usual, the appeal of a Caitlin Strong novel lies in its improbable, over-the-top action scenes. The history may intrigue you — and the portrayal of America's vulnerability may scare you — but mostly the novel is just rollicking no-holds-barred fun. □

## Another Skywalker: Lucas, wife have baby daughter

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Star Wars" creator George Lucas and new wife Mellody Hobson have had a baby daughter. Representatives for the 69-year-old filmmaker announced the birth Monday. Everest Hobson Lucas was born Friday, the first child for Lucas and Hobson, who were married in June. The baby was born via surrogate. Hobson is Lucas' second wife. She is president of Ariel Investments and chairman of the board for DreamWorks Animation. Lucas also has a 32-year-old daughter, a 25-year-old daughter and a 20-year-old son. He was previously married to film editor Marcia Lou Griffin. □



This June 16, 2013 file photo released by Entertainment Fusion Group shows producer George Lucas, left, and his wife Mellody Hobson at The 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Beverly Hills.

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## Guns N Roses police chopper proposal prompts probe



In this Dec. 7, 2012 file photo, Guns N' Roses guitarist DJ Ashba reacts to the crowd as he performs during a concert in Bangalore, India.

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**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Las Vegas police are investigating whether employees went too far for reportedly helping the guitarist of Guns N' Roses execute a grand romantic gesture.

Daren Jay "DJ" Ashba posted a photo on Instagram Saturday of himself and his girlfriend, Colombian actress and model Nathalia Henao, wearing helicopter headgear. He thanked the Las Vegas po-

lice department for "the most amazing" private helicopter tour over the city, saying it ended in a field at police headquarters, where he proposed amid roses and "a bottle of the bubble stuff."

"That was the most incredible day of our life!!" he wrote in the post, which came after a picture of a round-cut diamond solitaire with the caption, "She said yes!!!"

"(I)t was beautiful she didn't expect a thing, it

was magical. Guns N' Roses' publicist confirmed the validity of the account to The Associated Press. She said the couple met three years ago in Rome and got engaged Wednesday.

Las Vegas police issued a statement Sunday acknowledging two civilians were granted a ride-along in a helicopter, although they didn't mention names and didn't offer many details. "An internal affairs investigation has been initiated to determine if any department policies or regulations were violated in granting this ride-along," spokesman Bill Cassell said. The helicopter ride comes as the department is already strapped for cash. Last week, Sheriff Doug Gillespie continued his push to increase sales tax in Clark County — which includes Las Vegas — from 8.1 to 8.25 percent.

The tax initiative, dubbed "More Cops," is aimed at plugging a \$30 million budget hole, thereby saving some positions from being cut and allowing new officers to be hired. □



# In 'The Butler,' history told through a black lens

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — History in the movies has often been seen through white eyes: civil rights-era tales with white protagonists reacting to a changing world. "I've been in some of those movies," says David Oyelowo, a star in "Lee Daniels' The Butler." "I was in the 'The Help.'"

The viewpoint of "The Butler," though, is refreshingly colorful. In it, Forest Whitaker plays Cecil Gaines, a man born to sharecroppers who's turned into a domestic servant. After fleeing north, he rises to serve as a butler in the White House for seven successive presidents, spanning from Eisenhower to Reagan, from Jim Crow to Barack Obama. Though "The Butler" is based on the life of the long-serving White House butler Eugene Allen, it's a composite history (scripted by Danny Strong) where the currents of change — Emmett Till to the Black Panthers — course through a black family whose proximity to power doesn't make it any less elusive. Daniels' film isn't obsessive in its period detail (John Cusack plays Nixon with little makeup), but it moves to its own rhythm — one that films have usually set



Director Lee Daniels, left, actor Forest Whitaker and Charles Allen, right, the son of the subject of the film Eugene Allen, attend a special screening of "Lee Daniels' The Butler" hosted by O, The Oprah Magazine at Hearst Tower on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 in New York.

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to a different beat.

"I'm grateful that these stories of African-Americans struggling in America are brought to light by anybody," says Daniels. "But it's always great to see it from the perspective of someone who has actually lived it and walked it and is it." The film, which the Weinstein Co. will release Friday after a public and protracted feud with Warner Bros. over the rights to the title of "The Butler," also stars

Oprah Winfrey as Gaines' wife and Oyelowo as his firebrand son. The crux of the film is in the father-son relationship: one who effects change passively in a quiet dignity that slowly gathers a cumulative force, and another who resolutely protests on whites-only counters to spur action.

Winfrey, who co-produced Daniels' "Precious," was coaxed back into acting 15 years after "Beloved" by a persistent Daniels and

by what she considered an important story.

"I was like: What is this movie?" says Winfrey. "But I could feel the heartbeat of a generation of men who had given themselves to their families and to their work and to creating a better life for themselves.

"Men like him," she adds, "are and were the foundation of the African-American community. I want people to know that person, that level of middle-

class, hardworking man of integrity exists. That is who we are."

For Whitaker, the part was a welcome return to heavyweight performance (he sometimes played Gaines across three ages in one day), a thread the actor felt he had lost after his Oscar-winning turn as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in 2006's "The Last King of Scotland." But Whitaker says he was "reinvigorated" by the demands of immersing himself in Gaines — listening to interview recordings of the deceased Allen, studying with a butler coach — to create who he calls a "quiet champion."

"Who are the owners of the White House?" says Whitaker, whose performance is being hailed by critics as one of his finest. "In fact, it is the people who own the White House and the presidents are, in a way, visitors. Since the White House staff lives there for 20 to 30 years on a normal basis, it's their home."

Creating the generational conflict of "The Butler" was particularly cathartic for the 53-year-old Daniels who has teenage twins (a son and daughter), and who was the victim of abuse from his policeman father growing up in West Philadelphia. □



In this Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 file photo, Kelly Clarkson performs on stage at the 55th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

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**LONDON (AP)** — A Jane Austen museum said Monday it has received 100,000 pounds (\$155,000) from an anonymous benefactor

to help it buy the writer's ring back from singer Kelly Clarkson. Earlier this month, the British government placed a temporary export ban on the gold-and-turquoise ring in the hope that

## Museum hopes to buy Jane Austen's ring from singer

money could be found to keep it in Britain.

The Jane Austen's House museum said it had raised 103,200 pounds of the 152,450-pound asking price since launching a fundraising campaign on Friday, most of it from a single anonymous donation.

"We are two-thirds of the way there in 48 hours, which is tremendous, but we're not there yet," said museum fundraiser Louise West. The author of "Pride and Prejudice," who died at age 41 in 1817, left the ring to her sister Cassandra. It remained in the family until it was sold at a Sotheby's

auction last year.

The museum at Austen's former home in Chawton, southern England, had hoped to buy the ring last year but was outbid when it sold for five times the estimated price.

Clarkson — an Austen fan who owns a first edition of the author's novel "Persuasion" — was the successful buyer. But she has been prevented from taking the ring home to the U.S. by a power that allows the British government to temporarily halt the export of works judged to be national treasures.

The museum has until De-

cember to raise the rest of the money, and Clarkson has agreed to sell the ring should a buyer come forward. West said the situation is a shame for Clarkson, "but the ring should stay in this country, because there is so little of Austen's personal effects left."

West said the museum had invited the 2002 "American Idol" winner to come visit the next time she is in Britain. She said Clarkson's interest in the author was another sign that Austen's popularity remains strong, 200 years after she published her most famous novel, "Pride and Prejudice." □



# The Nudge Debate



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This has been a great era for the study of error. We know that people can be induced to buy more cans of soup if you put a "Limit: 12 per customer" sign on the display. We know that if you ask people what movie they want to see next week, they're likely to mention a classy art film. But, if you ask them what movie they want to see tonight, they're more likely to mention a mindless blockbuster.

In addition, people are pretty bad at sacrificing short-term pleasure for long-term benefit. We're bad at calculating risk. We're mentally lazy. We make all sorts of decision-making errors when thinking in our own language that we don't make when thinking in another language. When asked to think in a second language, we're forced to put in a little more mental effort.

As these cognitive biases have become better known, public spirited people naturally want to design ways to help us avoid them. In 2009, Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein published a book, called "Nudge," on how government and other organizations could induce people to avoid common errors. Last year, Sunstein gave the Storrs Lectures at Yale on the topic, which will soon be published as a book called "Nanny Statecraft." Last month, the Obama administration created a Behavioral Insights Team to apply this sort of psychological research to making policy.

We're entering the age of what's been called "libertarian paternalism." Government doesn't tell you what to do, but it gently biases the context so that you find it easier to do things you think are in your own self-interest. Government could design forms where the default option is to donate organs or save more for retirement. Individuals would have to actively opt out to avoid doing these things. Government could tell air-conditioner makers to build in a little red light to announce when the filter needs changing. That would make homes more energy efficient, since people are too lazy to change the filters promptly otherwise. Government could crack down on companies that exploit common cognitive errors to induce you to pay more for your mortgage, bank account, credit card or car warranty. Or, most notoriously, government could make it harder for you to

buy big, sugary sodas.

But this raises a philosophic question. Do we want government stepping in to protect us from our own mistakes? Many people argue no. This kind of soft paternalism will inevitably slide into a hard paternalism, with government elites manipulating us into doing the sorts of things they want us to do. Policymakers have their own cognitive biases, which will induce them to design imperfect interventions even if they mean well.

Individuals may be imperfect decision-makers, but they still possess more information than faraway government rule-makers. If government starts manipulating decision-making processes, then individuals won't learn to think for themselves. Even just setting a default position reduces liberty and personal responsibility.

The pro-paternalists counter that government is inevitably setting contexts and default positions anyway, so they might as well be aligned with individual and social goals. There's very little historical evidence that there is an inevitable slippery slope leading from soft paternalism to hard paternalism. If companies are going to trick people into spending more on, say, bank overdraft fees, shouldn't government step in to prevent a psychological market failure? I'd say the anti-paternalists win the debate in theory but the libertarian paternalists win it empirically. In theory, it is possible that gentle nudges will turn into intrusive diktats and the nanny state will drain individual responsibility.

But, in practice, it is hard to feel that my decision-making powers have been weakened because when I got my driver's license enrolling in organ donation was the default option. It's hard to feel that a cafeteria is insulting my liberty if it puts the healthy fruit in a prominent place and the unhealthy junk food in some faraway corner. It's hard to feel manipulated if I sign up for a program in which I can make commitments today that automatically increase my charitable giving next year. The concrete benefits of these programs, which are empirically verifiable, should trump abstract theoretical objections. I'd call it social paternalism. Most of us behave somewhat decently because we are surrounded by social norms and judgments that make it simpler for us to be good. To some gentle extent, government policy should embody those norms, a preference for saving over consumption, a preference for fitness over obesity, a preference for seat belts and motorcycle helmets even though some people think it's cooler not to wear them. In some cases, there could be opt-out provisions. These days, we have more to fear from a tattered social fabric than from a suffocatingly tight one. Some modest paternalism might be just what we need. □



# The Phony Economic Fear Factor



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We live in a golden age of economic debunkery; fallacious doctrines have been dropping like flies. No, monetary expansion needn't cause hyperinflation. No, budget deficits in a depressed economy don't cause soaring interest rates. No, slashing spending doesn't create jobs. No, economic growth doesn't collapse when debt exceeds 90 percent of GDP.

And now the latest myth bites the dust: No, "economic policy uncertainty" - created, it goes without saying, by That Man in the White House - isn't holding back the recovery.

I'll get to the doctrine and its refutation in a minute. First, however, I want to recommend a very old essay that explains a great deal about the times we live in.

The Polish economist Michal Kalecki published "Political Aspects of Full Employment" 70 years ago. Keynesian ideas were riding high; a "solid majority" of economists believed that full employment could be secured by government spending. Yet Kalecki predicted that such spending would, nonetheless, face fierce opposition from business and the wealthy, even in times of depression. Why?

The answer, he suggested, was the role of "confidence" as a tool of intimidation. If the government can't boost employment directly, it must promote private spending

instead - and anything that might hurt the privileged, such as higher tax rates or financial regulation, can be denounced as job-killing because it undermines confidence, and hence investment. But if the government can create jobs, confidence becomes less important - and vested interests lose their veto power.

Kalecki argued that "captains of industry" understand this point, and that they oppose job-creating policies precisely because such policies would undermine their political influence. "Hence budget deficits necessary to carry out government intervention must be regarded as perilous."

When I first read this essay, I thought it was over the top. Kalecki was, after all, a declared Marxist (although I don't see much of Marx in his writings). But, if you haven't been radicalized by recent events, you haven't been paying attention; and policy discourse since 2008 has run exactly along the lines Kalecki predicted.

First came the "pivot" - the sudden switch to the view that budget deficits, not mass unemployment, were the crucial policy issue. Then came the Great Whine - the declaration by one leading business figure after another that President Barack Obama was undermining confidence by saying mean things about businesspeople and doing outrageous things like helping the uninsured. Finally, just as happened with the claims that slashing spending is actually expansionary and terrible things happen if government debt rises, the usual suspects found an academic research paper to adopt as mascot: in this case, a paper by economists at Stanford and Chicago purportedly showing that rising levels of "economic policy uncertainty" were holding the economy back.

But, as I said, we live in a golden age of economic debunkery. The doctrine of expansionary austerity collapsed as evidence on the actual effects of austerity came in, with officials at the International Monetary Fund even admitting that they had severely underestimated the harm austerity does. The debt-scare doctrine collapsed once independent economists reviewed the data. And now the policy-uncertainty claim has gone the same way.

Actually, this happened in two stages. Soon after it became famous, the proposed measure of uncertainty was shown to be almost comically flawed; for example, it relied in part on press mentions of "economic policy uncertainty," which meant that the index automatically surged once that phrase became a Republican talking point. Then the index itself plunged, back to levels not seen since 2008, but the economy didn't take off. It turns out that uncertainty wasn't the problem.

The truth is that we understand perfectly well why recovery has been slow, and confidence has nothing to do with it. What we're looking at, instead, is the normal aftermath of a debt-fueled asset bubble; the sluggish U.S. recovery since 2009 is more or less in line with many historical examples, running all the way back to the Panic of 1893. Furthermore, the recovery has been hobbled by spending cuts - cuts that were motivated by what we now know was completely wrongheaded deficit panic.

And the policy moral is clear: We need to stop talking about spending cuts and start talking about job-creating spending increases instead. Yes, I know that the politics of doing the right thing will be very hard. But, as far as the economics goes, the only thing we have to fear is fear-mongering itself. □



# Lincoln brand reintroducing dealers to luxury buyers

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**CHICAGO (AP)** — How to sell a Lincoln automobile in 2013: Make the dealership smell like luxury. And lay out some wine and cheese.

After decades of selling hulking Town Cars to retirees, Ford Motor Co. wants the Lincoln brand to appeal to younger, more discerning buyers. Lincoln unveiled the sleek MKZ sedan this spring, and six more models will follow. It purged underperforming dealerships and is prodding the rest to make expensive updates.

Now, Lincoln is teaching its dealers how to appeal to the \$4 latte crowd.

This summer, Ford brought 60 Lincoln salespeople to a boutique hotel in Chicago to learn about the likes (art museums) and dislikes (stuffy old steakhouses) of the so-called "progressive luxury" buyer. It was the third of five regional trainings sessions.

Lincoln's target buyers — hipper, more affluent, better educated and more female than its current customers — are a mystery to many dealerships, some of which have been selling Lincolns since the 1930s. When a trainer in Chicago asks dealers the average age of their customers, one shouts out, "85."

One salesman puzzles over his choices when asked which Los Angeles hotel would appeal to the progressive customer: the Ritz-Carlton, the Palomar, W or Loew's?

"The only Lowe's I know sells hardware," he mutters.

Lincoln was one of the top-selling U.S. luxury brands for decades, but was neglected after 2000 as Ford bought other luxury brands like Jaguar. Luxury buyers flocked to competitors like Lexus and Mercedes-Benz, while Lincoln became a car for airport limo fleets.

Everything changed seven years ago, when Ford narrowly avoided bankruptcy and embarked on a major restructuring. It sold or shuttered its other luxury brands, including Aston

Martin, Volvo and Mercury, and poured millions of dollars into Lincoln. And while Lincoln makes up just 3 percent of Ford's U.S. sales, it's still an important contributor to the bottom line because Ford charges a premium for the brand. The starting price of the Lincoln Navigator SUV, for example, is \$17,000 higher than the base price of its Ford counterpart, the Expedition.

But it won't be easy to win back customers. In the first six months of this year, Mer-

cury, and poured millions of dollars into Lincoln. And while Lincoln makes up just 3 percent of Ford's U.S. sales, it's still an important contributor to the bottom line because Ford charges a premium for the brand.

"Distinctive service is where these folks live," says Doug Fiedler, a trainer at the Chicago session who has worked for hotel chains like the Four Seasons. "They don't go to Nordstrom and see dirty counters."

Ford has issued specific guidelines for dealers to follow as they renovate their showrooms, right down to the specially developed

don't agree to the million-dollar renovations. But this training isn't heavy handed. Instead of issuing demands, Ford wants to raise dealers' awareness to the level of their sophisticated new buyers.

In one room, dealers try to identify a dozen different scents, like pine and lemon. Luxury buyers, they learn, are used to custom scents in hotels and stores and might be put off by a dealership that smells like motor oil.

In another room, dealers sit

denbigeisterung, German for "inspiring customer delight." Jeri Ward, director of customer experience for Audi in the U.S., says her brand has been down this same road, with dealer renovations starting five or six years ago and a big push for dealerships to move upmarket when the new A8 sedan arrived in 2011. Last fall, over a four-month time frame, Audi hosted various events for all of its 12,000 U.S. employees.

The training is already hav-



**Customers sit in the cafe area of Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth, Mich. After decades of selling hulking Town Cars to grumpy retirees, Ford Motor Co.'s Lincoln brand is trying to appeal to younger, more discerning buyers. It purged underperforming dealerships and is prodding the rest to make expensive updates.** (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

cedes-Benz —the top selling U.S. luxury brand right now — sold 151,452 vehicles in the U.S.; Lincoln sold just 38,288.

Ford believes new cars like the MKZ can lure young luxury buyers. With a \$40,000 starting price tag, it's comparable to the Mercedes C-Class but has high-tech features like a touch-screen dashboard, automatic parallel parking and a panoramic glass roof. Ford's research shows that young luxury buyers are independent thinkers who are willing to take a look at Lincoln. To them, luxury means personalized

Lincoln scent — a fresh-smelling blend of Earl Grey tea, jasmine and orange flowers — that should waft through the dealership.

The dictates have irritated some dealers, who don't want to spend the money until Lincoln has a full lineup of competitive vehicles. Ford is putting particular pressure on the 300 dealerships in America's 130 largest metropolitan areas; so far, 70 percent of them have agreed to the renovations. In total, there are 923 U.S. dealerships selling Lincolns.

The company could try to shut down dealerships that

on chairs of various comfort levels and learn that customers often opt to spend more money when they're sitting in a more luxurious chair. In the hotel's restaurant, the head chef has them sample three kinds of salt to spark a discussion of the flavors they're providing in their dealerships. Instead of grilled hot dogs, their trainers gently suggest, dealers might offer a wine and cheese night. The chef recommends an aged cheddar.

Although new to Lincoln, this kind of training isn't unusual in the auto industry. At Audi, it's called Kun-

ing an impact. A few weeks after the Chicago session, attendee Ryan Kolb greets a longtime customer coming in for service at Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth, Michigan. When the customer mentions he likes Kolb's Lincoln polo shirt, Kolb strolls into the dealership and gets him one.

Kolb's dealership — started by his grandfather — has been at this location since 1973, and so have many of his customers. Among the cars on the lot is a powder blue 1978 Lincoln Continental coupe, recently traded in for a new MKS sedan. □